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GREAT ALLIED COUNTER-ATTACK
SUCCEEDS, NAZI LINES CRACK, AND —

Fall of Cambrai may be imminent

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE FRENCH FORCES, MAY 24 (UP).—THE ALLIES LAST NIGHT TURNED FROM STRATEGIC RETREAT TO MASS OFFENSIVE AS THEY SLASHED AT THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE GERMAN RING AROUND NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

In the great battle which has raged for 48 hours in the Cambrai and Valenciennes sectors, military experts told me to-night that the Germans have at last cracked.

Allied forces have fought their way into the outskirts of Cambrai, plunging into the final assault with tanks and armoured cars.

Now the million British, French, Belgian and Dutch troops whom the German claimed were "trapped" in the north—are less than 30 miles away from the main French Army.

Between the two great Allied armies are the Germans, themselves in danger of encirclement if the present Allied manoeuvre succeeds.

French Communique
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 23 (UP).—To-night's communique says: "Many combats took place at various points in north France."

"Our advanced elements reached the suburbs of Amiens. An enemy attack which was preceded by strong artillery preparation, failed south of Sedan."

"There was an artillery duel between Longuyon and Moselle."

French Lines Broken
LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—The Germans have broken through the French lines between Arras and Bapaume.

Japanese is about 15 miles due south of Arras.

British troops are still holding their positions around Arras.

In connection with the Allied counter-attacks to-day, it is pointed out here that so far no counter-attack on a large scale has been launched.

A counter-attack is expected at any time now.

There have been intense artillery duels between Valenciennes and Montmedy and between Montmedy and the River Nid.

Cash & Carry Exemptions
Plea For Allies By U.S. Notability

TORONTO, May 23 (Reuters).—Mr. Daniel Roper, former United States Secretary of Commerce and former Minister to Canada, expressed dissatisfaction "with our American situation in respect of credits for the Allies", in a speech here.

Mr. Roper declared that supplies of all kinds should be conveyed to the Allies in every possible way by barge or other means.

Wants Acts Amended
Both the Neutrality Law and the Johnson Act should be amended to meet American responsibilities in respect of the present-day crisis.

All essential supplies should be exempted from the "Cash and Carry" restrictions.

Mr. Roper expressed the view that the terms of the Versailles Treaty had been less drastic and had the United States joined the League of Nations promptly they would never have heard of Hitler.

Britain's No. 1 Fascist Arrested

Mosley And Other Leaders Held

LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that Sir Oswald Mosley and other leading members of the British Union Fascists have been arrested to-day.

Others arrested were Mr. Raven Thomson, Mr. Francis Hawkins, Mr. F. E. Burdett, Captain U. A. Hick, Mr. C. F. Watts Mackenzie, Mr. G. Bruning and Mrs. Daere Fox.

Mr. John Beckett, formerly a member of the House of Commons and Secretary of the British Peoples Party, has also been arrested.

Headquarters Raided
Special Branch officers took complete possession of the Union headquarters and questioned everyone approaching the building.

Detectives examined all papers and documents found in desks and cabinets as well as the filing systems.

Internment Of Aliens
LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—The subject of the internment of enemy aliens was again raised during question-time in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir John Anderson said that up to now it had not been felt necessary to order the wholesale internment of female enemy aliens.

However, he said that they had not hesitated to intern individual German and Austrian women where there were grounds of suspecting their attitude.

Dealing with the subject of members of the I.R.A., Sir John Anderson said that, in addition to a large number who had been convicted and were serving large sentences, orders had also been given for the expulsion of 107 persons.

Full use would continue to be made of powers for the prevention of violence by a temporary act.

Detaining British Subjects
As regards other British subjects, the new Defence Regulations enabled him to order the detention of members of organisations which had association with the enemy or were hostile to the British.

Germans Enter Boulogne As Allied Armies Smash Weakest Link Far In Rear

NAZI MECHANISED UNITS IN FRENCH COAST CITY

By WALLACE CARROLL
"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT
LONDON, MAY 24 (UP).—AS THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR WAS RAGING AROUND THE WAR-WRECKED CITY OF CAMBRAI, WHERE WINSTON CHURCHILL'S THEORY THAT A STRONGLY ARMOUR-CLAD MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH HE HAD DUBBED THE "TANK" WOULD SMASH THROUGH INFANTRY WAS PUT TO THE TEST FOR THE FIRST TIME 23 YEARS AGO, CHURCHILL AROSE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT TO TELL OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MASS USE OF THE WEAPON.

German armoured divisions, the Premier told the Commons, had smashed through to the Channel.

FIGHTING IN BOULOGNE
Parts of the French Channel city of Boulogne, thirty miles across the Channel from Folkestone, have been occupied by these advance detachments.

Mr. Churchill's speech lasted only ten minutes, but it was forceful and made no attempt to hide the seriousness of the situation.

"German armoured forces which made their way through a breach in the French Army and penetrated to the rear of the Allied armies in Belgium are now attempting to derange our communications," he said.

"Abbeville is in enemy hands."

"Heavy fighting is now in progress in and around Boulogne."

SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS
"It is too early yet to say what the result of this coastal fighting may be, but it evidently carries with it implications of a serious character."

"Meanwhile, General Weygand, in Supreme Command, is conducting operations involving all the Allied armies, with a view to restoring and reconstituting their combined front."

NAZI CHAIN BROKEN?

What these operations are, Mr. Churchill did not say.

But Ralph Heinzen, the "United Press" correspondent who was with the British forces in Belgium and is now with the French G.H.Q., in France, has given an indication in his communique last night, in which he discloses that the Allied Forces have now turned from their strategical retreat to the south and have suddenly slashed at the weakest link in the German ring.

But with the Germans within artillery range of Folkestone and other towns on the English coast, informed quarters in London expect that the Allied counter-attack will take on an even more ferocious aspect.

The present Allied attack apparently aims at crushing both flanks of the German salient between the jaws of the Allies' nutcracker operating simultaneously from the north, the south and the east.

Informed quarters warn, however, that the public must not be unduly optimistic.

Must Not Under-rate German Strength
Operations on the scale now being undertaken will require several days before a decision can be reached, and it is emphasised that Germany's strength must not be under-rated.

Heavy fighting is continuing to-night in and around Boulogne and it is quite apparent that the small German mechanised units which have penetrated into the coastal city cannot hold out unless they are quickly reinforced by German infantry, an unlikely contingency in view of the big Allied attack now under way around Cambrai.

Analysis Of Situation
LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—That the present war situation is grave no one in authority here denies.

It is however by no means desperate, "Reuter" was told by well-informed circles to-night.

Mr. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons that fighting was being brought down

R.A.F. Continue Terrific Onslaughts

GERMAN FORCES DISORGANISED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the tanks, armoured vehicles and troop concentrations which were forming a vanguard for the enemy's advance towards the French Channel ports were again heavily bombed yesterday by strong forces of Blenheim aircraft.

For more than six hours, until the gathering of dusk made the recognition of troop movements impossible, relays of aircraft kept up an almost continuous assault with bombs and machine guns.

They caused damage and confusion over a wide area. Among the first targets which they successfully attacked in the afternoon was a column of lorries and armoured fighting vehicles which were caught on the move.

Lorries Blown Sky-High

Direct hits were scored on the lorries by six Blenheims. They attacked individually. Bombs were seen to burst on the roads amongst the column over a distance of 600 yards.

"As each aircraft approached to bomb it was subjected to a barrage of well-aimed pom-pom fire from about 30 guns. Having released their bombs, the Blenheims turned their attention to the gun crews which were attacking them with machine gun fire."

Another force of Blenheims delivered individual attacks on a number of targets. Later arrivals found that the lorries and cars, which had been hit in the earlier bombing attacks, were still blazing by the roadside.

Final Sortie
A final sortie was made against the Headquarters of the enemy's armoured division by a force of Blenheims which had been specially detailed for the task.

Close on 100 high explosives and bombs were dropped in the course of this concentrated attack. Most of the bombs were seen to explode well within the target area.

Trains Derailed
LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—Further details of yesterday's British bombing operations show that trains were derailed and set on fire and that road and rail communications were interrupted over a wide area.

One of the trains hit by a Hampden bomber at Geldern, a German town near the Dutch frontier, was an ammunition train which blew up with an explosion which rocked the aircraft high above.

After a concentrated attack on another train near Liege, the attackers saw wreckage lying all over the place. A force of Whitley bombers spent over an hour over Elron exploring before the attack. Then when they were quite sure of their targets, they dropped eight bombs right on the railway junction.

Air Ministry Report
LONDON, May 23 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces that last night strong forces of heavy and medium bombers attacked objectives behind the fighting front in southern Belgium and the Meuse sector.

Much damage was done on road and railway junctions. A railway junction at Charleroi was damaged.

Edges in the Namur region sustained direct hits. Troop concentrations were heavily bombed in the area north of the Aisne.

Other large formations of heavy bombers penetrated into Germany where they seriously interfered with the enemy's lines of communication.

At Elberfeld railway bridges and sidings were hit. Two supply trains were bombed at Gelnhausen. They exploded and caught fire.

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R. A. F. STRIKES BACK

By REUEL MOORE
"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—A special force of Blenheim bombers from the Royal Air Force Coastal Command to-day attacked the headquarters of the German armoured division advancing on the Channel ports.

"Close to a hundred high explosive bombs were dropped and most of them dropped well within the target area," an Air Ministry announcement said.

Relays of British bombers were kept up almost continuously and the assault caused damage and confusion over a wide area, the Air Ministry report adds.

The Air Ministry denied the German claim to have bombed Dover.

However, the "alert" was sounded in east Kent early this evening and a dozen British pursuit planes took to the air.

It has been disclosed that one group of R.A.F. fighting planes on Wednesday brought down 27 German planes and probably rendered ten more unfit for action.

The R.A.F. also bombed the Sedan area and south Belgium, as well as German railways last night.

A single R.A.F. plane bombed the power station at Rohn, 10 miles southeast of Leipzig.

Two hospital ships arrived in England to-day.

The crews said German planes turned their machine guns on wounded soldiers and Belgian refugees at a French port.

LATEST

Italian Shipping Suspended

SHANGHAI, May 24 (UP).—The Lloyd Triesteino to-day announced they have received a cable from Rome saying "until further notice" departures of express liners from Trieste have been suspended.

They said the Conte Verde, which is en route to the Far East, is expected in Colombo to-day.

Freighters are not affected by the order stated Lloyd Triesteino.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Don't contradict me, young man—I've been ailing for 20 years and ought to know what's wrong with me!"

3,000 Miles Of Frontier—And No Guns

IN these days of Maginot and Siegfried Lines it is refreshing to find a frontier over 3000 miles long where there is not a single fort or gun-emplacement. The border between the U.S.A. and Canada is a monument to the commonsense of two great democracies.

Extending from New Brunswick in the east to Vancouver in the west, the frontier runs along part of the St. Lawrence River, through all the great lakes save Lake Michigan, across the prairies, over the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada.

In many of the wilder sections not a strand of wire marks the line where Canadian soil ends and American begins.

Although this great frontier is guarded by no military means, it is constantly patrolled. But the number of men engaged—3000—can hardly be called excessive. Patrol is necessary to stop smuggling, and to prevent illegal entry. Neither the States nor Canada wants "undesirables" from the other side.

Like Season-Tickets

So long as proper credentials are forthcoming and there are no suspicious circumstances, people have no trouble in passing from the U.S.A. to Canada and vice versa. In places hundreds of men cross the border daily to and from their work. The authorities provide them with passes available for so many days or weeks. The workers merely show these, like season ticket holders at a railway station. At Detroit thousands of Canadians who are engaged in the American automobile factories cross by means of the ferries.

At the time of the great depression many people tried to pass illegally from one side of the frontier to the other. Both to Canadians and Americans, the "other side" looked more inviting than their own, and patrols adopted a special technique of questioning, which rarely failed to bowl out the illegal entrant.

A Canadian would claim to be an American, whereupon he would be asked some such questions as the name of the mayor of his native town. He might have fired at him the question, "Where did you buy that suit you're wearing?" If he replied "New York," the patrolman would throw back the collar

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ON PATROL IN A DESTROYER

By a British Naval Eyewitness

AT SEA.

We slipped from our buoy and steamed out to sea for our night's patrol in the grey bleakness of the winter afternoon. Other destroyers went with us.

The wind raised a confused jumble of leaping white horses outside the harbour entrance. One felt the ship kick a little as she met the first of them.

For the next 18 hours, until we returned to harbour, she was never still.

Steaming at 20 knots, we passed a convoy of bluff-bowed merchant ships making way for their anchorage before dark. On one of the shoals to starboard lay two broken-backed wrecks with the sea breaking over them, victims of U-bots, mines or torpedoes.

"The first lieutenant, somewhere in the middle twenties, came climbing on to the bridge to report the ship darkened. Our depth charges were ready, our guns manned for instant action.

"Shall we have the torpedo tubes trained out now, sir?" the first lieutenant asked the commander.

"Yes, Number One. The commander, a tall figure in a duffel coat and sea-boots, with the inevitable glasses slung round his neck, added urbanely, "Please do."

That's a way they have in the Navy.

ONCE out from the land, the wind grew stronger, and the sea more steep and congest, probably because a strong tide and wind were running in opposite directions. Whiffs of spray came sweeping over the bows, and on the open bridge it was bitterly cold.

The light of a twinkling buoy showed away in the darkness to port. The navigator, bending down to look along the compass, noted its bearing, and then dived down to crouch under the canvas cover of the chart table.

"We're on the position now, sir," came his muffled voice after an interval. "The new course is oh-eight-four."

"All right," the commander replied. "Bring her round to oh-eight-four, Mr. Carver."

The officer put his mouth to the voicepipe communicating with the wheelhouse below.

"Starboard fifteen it is, sir," from the quartermaster at the wheel.

"Midships," after an interval. "Port, ten—steady on oh-eight-four."

"Steady at oh-eight-four," came the voice of the quartermaster.

The darkness had become intense. Aster I could only just see the black shapes of two of the destroyers following in our wake.

SEVERAL times during that long night I groped my way aft or forward along the darkened upper deck, picking my way by foot through the many encumbrances which threatened to throw me headlong.

Out on the bleak, windswept deck, the men at the guns, torpedo tubes and depth charges relieved each other at regular intervals.

Down below in the engine room and stokeholds they were luckier, at least tolerably warm. On deck we were chilled to the very marrow. Was this adventure?

All through that night we steamed to and fro on a patrol line whose exact locality cannot be disclosed. We were listening for enemy submarines with that uncanny invention which has already been referred to by Mr. Winston Churchill as "producing the deadliest results," but we sighted, or located, no more than one neutral steamer showing her lights, and a buoy or two.

As the commander himself observed in the small hours of the morning, while slipping steaming cocon in the charhouse, it was largely a matter of luck.

In any case, a good many thousands of miles must be steamed by many hunters for every U-bot that is attacked or sunk. It's just hard, gruelling work, a job that has to be done—and the Navy does it with calm efficiency.—N.A.N.A.

A Parable THE SEVEN HITLERS

By Walter Murdoch

"WELL," I SAID, "it's thrifty weather," that about another larger Adolf? Of course I admit that my little joke was in the worst of taste, seeing that the man I was yarning with was obviously a German, and that he had a tiny moustache and a wisp of hair running down to the south-east corner of his eye; but I had no malicious intention. He was a libelous chap, and I had no thought of insulting him; I was quite unprepared for the extraordinary effect of my poor little joke.

His face went suddenly as white as paper; for a moment he seemed to freeze with terror; then his eyes darted to all the points of the compass, in search of a possible eavesdropper. Luckily we had the bar to ourselves, the landlady having taken out into the yard to feed his fowls. At last the man found his voice. "Hundred thousand devils," he said huskily, "how did you find out?" "How did I find out what?" "How did you know that I was Adolf Hitler?"

It was now my turn to be terrified. The man was plainly a lunatic, with, for all I know, homicidal tendencies. I understood that in every asylum in the world there is at least one patient who believes himself to be Adolf Hitler; but to meet such a person at large in Dead Dingo Swamp was a staggering surprise. But I remembered that you should always agree with a lunatic, whatever his delusions may be; so I merely said, soothingly, "Oh, I've seen lots of portraits of you in the papers."

He leaned toward me and said, almost in a whisper, "You may be right. Who can tell? Sometimes I think I am Hitler, and sometimes I incline to think otherwise; I cannot be certain." This statement made me surer than ever that I was dealing with a maniac. But he was sane enough to read my thoughts. "You think I am mad, my friend. Ah, but listen, and I shall explain." And he proceeded to make the following amazing statement, which I pass on to you for what it may be worth. I shall not set down the little bits of broken English or the queer idioms by which he betrayed his foreign origin.

"YOU have, of course, heard of Hitler's double. All the world understands that there is somebody, very like Hitler, who takes the Leader's place on various public occasions—especially on occasions where the police have given warning that a dangerous assassination is to be feared. But the public, as usual, knows only half of the truth, or, to be more exact, one-sixth.

"It was in 1935 that Herr Hitler, after a very narrow escape from a bomb, saw the necessity of a double. A public proclamation was made to the effect that a glorious service could be rendered to the improved Fatherland by anyone so divinely favoured as to possess a face and figure closely resembling those of the Fuehrer. If such fortunate being existed, he was to present himself at a certain office in Munich at noon on the following Wednesday.

"Soon after dawn on the day appointed the square outside the office was the scene of a sea of candidates, battling for a place near the office door. They all seemed to be intensely anxious to render a glorious service to the beloved Fatherland, a service to which, by the way, a handsome salary was attached. I tell you, it was an impressive sight, this large square full of Hitlers; a sight which might well have struck terror into the hearts of our country's enemies. For three days and three nights a committee of expert Hitlerologists scrutinised applicants as if through a microscope, noting the minutest shades of difference. One was rejected because his eyelashes were too long, another because his thumbs were too broad, another because he looked too intelligent; small gestures, little tricks of speech, everything was noted and filed for reference, to which a story brief as you English say, six of us survived the ordeal; it was announced that Herr Hitler's mother would be at a loss to distinguish any of us six from her divinely-gifted offspring.

"How to choose between us was the difficulty, and when we were about to draw lots as the only possible solution of the problem, Adolf Hitler had an inspiration. He said that since six perfect copies of himself had been miraculously vouchsafed to Germany by the good German God, it would be a manifest impley not to take advantage of the gift. And so, the whole six of us went off to Berchtesgaden to receive our training. It is still our headquarters, to which we repair for rest and refreshment. duty does not call us elsewhere. We are known to one another not by name, but number. I am Number Five—was, rather, till circumstances drove me to seek refuge in Australia.

"YOU will now understand, my dear sir—did I hear you men-

tion another larger?—you will now see why so many people say that Herr Hitler's character is an enigma. Naturally, since you have to deal not with one Hitler, but with seven. For example, innocent persons wonder how any one human being can break so many promises as our Adolf has broken in the last years. Nobody could, of course; but Adolf Number One can make a promise which Adolf Number Two can break. It was Number Six, if I remember rightly, who swore that he would never interfere with Austria, being quite unaware that Number Two was going to annex Austria on the following day. I myself had the honour of meeting your Herr Chamberlain at Munich last year. A very amiable and affable gentleman I found him; quite Aryan, and almost Nordic; I had not the heart to refuse to promise anything he asked for, and even to sign a solemn compact with him. How was I to tell that, at the moment when I was laying my hand on my heart and swearing to respect the independence of Czechoslovakia, Number Four was getting ready to march into that country? I trust you will see that there was no branch of faith here. One Hitler did what another Hitler had promised not to do. That was all.

"The arrangement is, I admit, puzzling for outsiders, who are never sure which of the seven is speaking. Each of us has his special job. Number One ramps and raves and screams for the benefit of the mob, which adores that kind of oratory; when an intelligent audience has to be addressed, Number Two, with his quiet and reasonable style, is the man for their money. Number Three is our pacifist—on holiday just at present—who tells the world, quite honestly, that he desires peace at any price, while Number Four specialises in periods when the German people that peace degrades the soul of a nation and that in war lies the salvation of mankind. Herr Chamberlain and Herr Halifax have declared that in future they cannot trust a word Herr Hitler says. This is very unjust, as you now realise. Which—Herr Hitler—do they mean?

"THE arrangement has worked beautifully on the whole, but there is one awkward feature of it. It was impressed upon us at the start that to act a part really well one must think oneself into that part; the great actor really believes for the time, that he is the person he is imitating. The Fuehrer himself lectured us about this on our very first day at Berchtesgaden. 'You must drop your separate identities,' he told us; 'you are no longer Heinrich or Wilhelm or Hermann or Johann; you are all Adolfs. Each of you must faithfully drill himself into the belief that he is in very truth Adolf Hitler. Only so will you be able to play the part convincingly, so that anyone who throws a bomb at you will feel certain that he is throwing a bomb at Me.' This was an unpleasant way of putting it, but we did as we commanded. We did it so thoroughly that soon none of us knew which of us was the real Adolf Hitler and which of us were consummate actors. That is what I meant by saying that I am in doubt about my own identity. Am I the original Adolf Hitler or somebody else whose name I have forgotten? If the latter, is the original Adolf still alive or was he assassinated some years ago? You see, several of us have fallen victims to the intelligence of the German people; other doubles have had to be called in to fill the vacant places. It is all very confusing.

"BUT on the whole, as I say, the system works beautifully; and one result of it, which you may not have thought of, is that Hitler is immortal. You cannot kill him. When you kill one of the seven, another instantly steps into his place. If you had seen that crowded Munich square you would understand that Germany has an inexhaustible supply of Hitlers—not perhaps such perfect replicas as we six were, but near enough.

"And now you ask why I am here. Well, I shall tell you. It was I, Number Five, who so narrowly escaped that bomb in the beer hall at Munich the other day. (And talking about beer halls, another glass would do us no harm, yes?) It was too much for me. I was too much for me. I am a patient people, but they are also intelligent. There will be another bomb for me before long. I have a weak heart; this life is too dangerous for me. And so I blush to say, I forsook the Fatherland and took refuge to the other end of the world; I, Adolf Hitler—or not, as the case may be—have come to Australia as a refugee. I have always been glad there were countries that were kind to refugees. Australia is such a country. All the same, I trust you not to betray my secret; for it is useless to pretend that I should be popular in Dead Dingo Swamp."



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Service Pullover

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The printed rayon crepe jacket ensemble at top shows how appropriate is the short yoke-treatment in a larger size jacket. The gown is simply cut with deep V neckline and the back waistline. In white with forest-green not clusters. A popular version in larger size nightgowns, arranged tuckings at waistline of a straight cut skirt with Ateneon lace applied in a yoke.

Steak and Oats

HALF a pound of raw minced steak with the same quantity of rolled oats makes a nutritious, economical dinner for four or five people.

Brown the oats in the oven, then fry them for five minutes in 1½ oz. of dripping. Add the steak, seasoned with salt and pepper, two or three sliced onions and a pint of boiling water.

Stew slowly for one and a half hour, or steam in a greased basin for two hours. Cooked mince can be used for a stew if the oats and onions are cooked alone and the meat is added to the pan for the last five minutes, so that it is heated through, but not re-cooked.

HERE is the Service pullover worked under the direction of a consulting physician to the Forces. It is designed to give extra warmth where it is specially needed.

For example, that deep band of double knitting round the waist and loins gives all the comfort of a body belt. The pullover itself is knitted in an elastic rib that fits closely to the figure, shaped to give extra width over the chest. The physician advised it to be worn inside, not over, the trousers. It should fit without a wrinkle.

For well-shaped knitting in a good wool is far warmer than loose work in a bulky yarn. This pullover is suitable for wear for all three Services in their own special colours.

Materials Required: 9oz. 3-ply "Beal" knitting wool; 1 pr. No. 12 knitting needles; 1 pr. No. 10 knitting needles.

Measurements: Chest 30 inches. Length from shoulder to hem, 23 inches.

Construction: Seven stitches to the inch.

Abbreviations: K, knit; P, purl; tog., together; st., stitch; patt., pattern; sts., stitches; rep., repeat; inc., increase; dec., decrease; ins., inches.

The Back

Using No. 12 needles and double wool, cast on 96 sts. Rib (K1, P1) for 8 ins. Change to No. 10 needles and single wool. Purl one row, increasing in every 8th stitch along the row, except the last st. (111 sts.).

Next Row: Commence patt. * K3, P1, K1, P1, rep. from * to end of row, finishing with K3.

Row 2: * P3, K1, P1, K1, rep. from * to end of row, finishing with P3.



Practical pullover, with deep, close band of double ribbing where extra warmth is needed. Left, two-strand knitting for the ribbing.

Rep. the last two rows, increasing at each end of every 8th row until there are 123 sts. on the needle. Continue without increasing until the work measures from 14in. to 16in. from the beginning, according to height of wearer, and then decrease for the armholes.

Cast off 9 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 rows. * K 2 tog., at each end of the next 8 rows (89 sts.). Continue straight until the armhole measures 7in. Shape for the shoulder, casting off 9 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows, leaving 35 sts. on the needle. Cast off.

V-Neck Front

Work as for the back until the armholes are reached. After the first two rows of decreases, work on the first 62 sts. only for the left side of the front.

Continue with the armhole decreases as for the back, and at the same

time K 2 tog. at the neck end of every 5th row. When the armhole decreases are finished work straight and continue with the neck decreasing until there are 27 sts. and the armhole measures the same as the back.

Shape the shoulder by casting off 9 sts. each time the row begins at the armhole-edge until all are cast off. Join wool to the st. at the neck end of the remaining 53 sts. K 2 tog. and work to correspond with the left side.

For the borders of neck and armholes, using No. 10 needles cast on 8 sts. and knit a strip of garter stitch long enough to be sewn round the neck. Shape to a V at centre front.

Knit two lengths in the same way for the armholes.

MAKING-UP: Press with a hot iron over a damp cloth. Join together shoulder and side seams. Sew on neck and armhole borders. Press all seams.

This pullover was designed for a

man 5ft. 10in. tall and 38in. round the chest.

For shorter men the double ribbing could be reduced in proportion, also the length between the armhole and the top of the rib.

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Materials required: 2oz. 4-ply fingering; 1 pr. No. 12 knitting pins. Tension: 9sts. to 1 inch.

With No. 12 pins, cast on 60 sts. Rib 5in. k 2, p 2. Continue in the following pattern:

1st row: k. 2nd row: p. 3rd row: k. 4th row: * p. 2, k. 2, rep. from * ending, p. 2. 5th row: as 4th; 6th row: as 4th. Repeat these 6 rows for 5 inches.

Shape the 4th finger: Take the centre 10 sts. from the hand, cast on 4 sts. (20 sts.). Work 1in. in stocking st. Rib 4 rows, k 2, p 2. Cast off.

Shape the 3rd finger: Take 7 sts. from the back of hand, pick up and k. 4 sts. from cast on sts. of 4th finger. Take 7 sts. from the front of hand, cast on 4 sts. (22 sts.). Work 1in. in stocking st. Rib 6 rows, k 2, p 2. Cast off.

Shape 2nd finger: Take 7 sts. from back of hand, pick up and k. 4 sts. from cast on sts. of 3rd finger. Take 7 sts. from the front of hand, cast on 4 sts. (22 sts.). Work 1in. in stocking st. Rib 6 rows, k 2, p 2. Cast off.

Shape 1st finger: Take last 6 sts. from the back of hand, pick up and k. 4 sts. from cast on sts. of 2nd finger. Take the last 8 sts. from the front of hand (22 sts.). Work as 3rd finger.

THUMB: With No. 12 pins cast on 2 sts. Work in stocking st., increasing 1 st. each end of 2nd and every 3rd row, following, until 24 sts. Work 3in. in stocking st. Rib 6 rows, k 2, p 2. Cast off.

Work another mitten to correspond. To make up: Press with warm iron and damp cloth, sew the seams of the fingers, and the side seam of mittens. Leaving space for thumbs. Sew seams of thumbs, sew thumbs to mittens remembering there is one for the right hand and one for the left.

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Potato Scones for Breakfast

8 oz. mashed potato, ¼ lb. flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 rounded teaspoon baking powder, 2 oz. margarine, ½ cup milk.

Sift flour, salt, and baking powder into a basin. Rub in margarine with the tips of the fingers and stir in potatoes. Stir till well mixed, then add enough of the milk to make a soft dough. Turn on to a lightly-floured board. Roll to ½ inch thickness. Cut into small rounds. Bake in greased baking tin in a hot oven for quarter hour.

Rolled Ribs of Beef with Potato

Stuffing

These are simply delicious! This is how to make the potato stuffing.—1 lb. hot mashed potato, salt and pepper to taste, 1 small onion, grated, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1½ oz. margarine, ½ teaspoon mixed herbs, 1 egg.

Put the hot potato into a basin, add the margarine and beat together. Add salt, pepper, herbs, parsley, and onion and beat in the egg.

Potato Doughnuts for Tea

4 oz. flour, 2 oz. sieved cooked potato, 1 egg, 2 oz. margarine, ½ teaspoon spice, 1 teaspoon baking powder, frying fat, a little sugar for sprinkling.

Sieve flour, baking powder, and spice together. Rub in fat with fingers. Add potato and beat up finely with other ingredients. Mix to a stiff dough with beaten egg, and

SAVOURY BEEF
CAKES

POP a poached egg on top of these savoury meat cakes and you have an excellent appetising meal.

Fry a small, chopped onion in dripping until golden brown. Then stir in a dessertspoonful of flour and cook this until brown.

Add a cupful of stock or gravy, bring to boil and simmer for six minutes. Stir in half a No. 1 tin of Armour's corned beef (minced), 1 oz. breadcrumbs, pepper and salt, and blend well, adding about half a beaten egg.

Turn the mixture on to a plate. When cold, shape into flat cakes, brush over with remainder of the egg, coat with breadcrumbs and fry golden brown in deep fat.

Place one poached egg on top of each meat cake and serve with green vegetables.

If necessary, a small quantity of milk.

Roll out to half inch in thickness and cut into rings with two pastry cutters, one much smaller than the other.

Fry rings in deep fat which just has a faint blue smoke coming from it. Cook five to seven minutes, drain on soft paper and dredge with sugar. Serve hot or cold.

Potato Fish Pie for Supper

Three cups hot mashed potatoes, 3 cups left-over baked, boiled, or steamed fish, ½ pint white sauce, 1 tablespoon melted margarine, seasoning.

Flake the fish into the sauce and season well. Add parsley. Pour the mixture into a greased, fireproof dish. Cover with the potato and sprinkle with melted margarine.

Bake in a moderate oven until brown on top and well heated through. A pleasant addition to this dish is to mix two heaped tablespoons of grated cheese with the potatoes.

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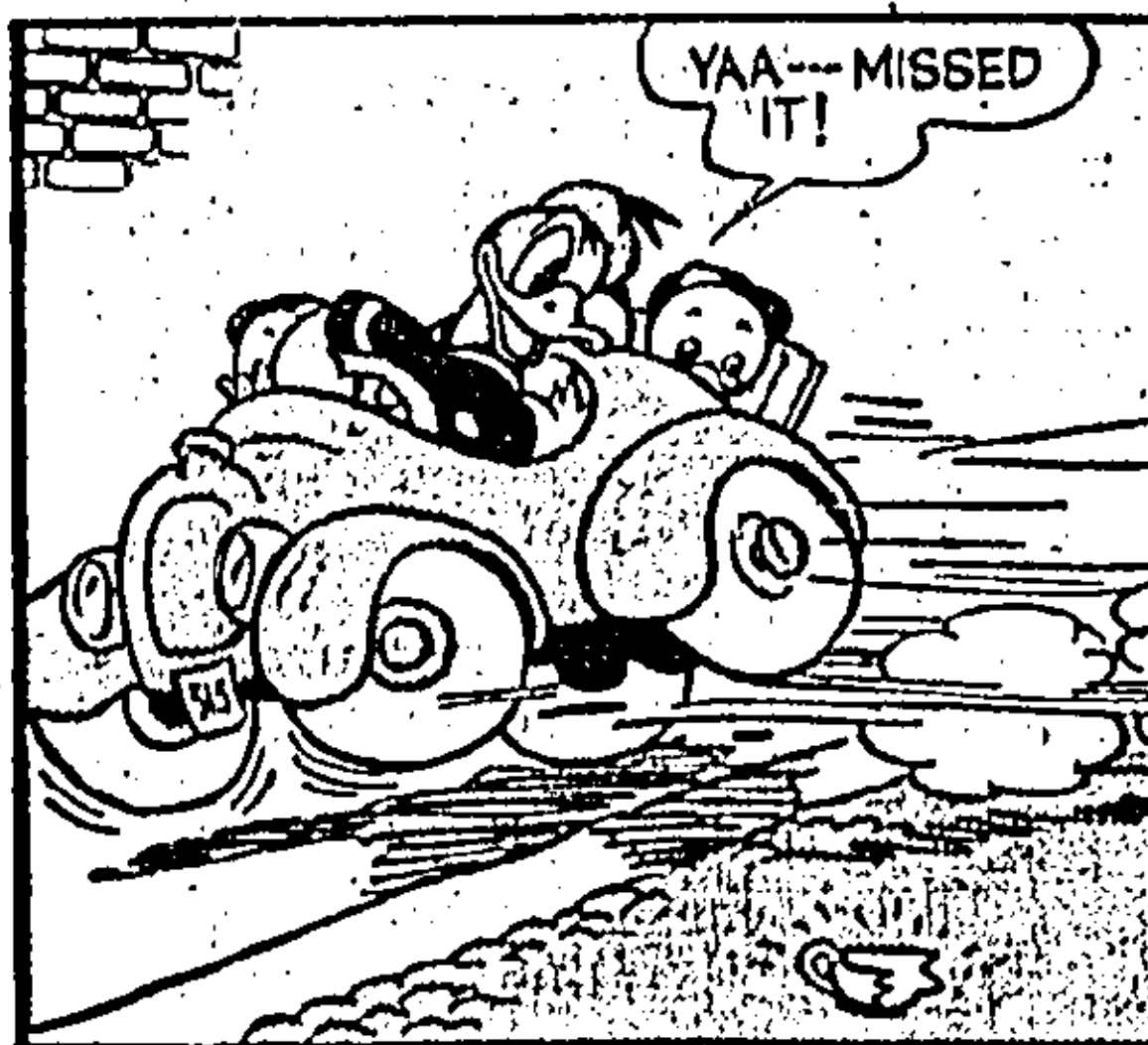
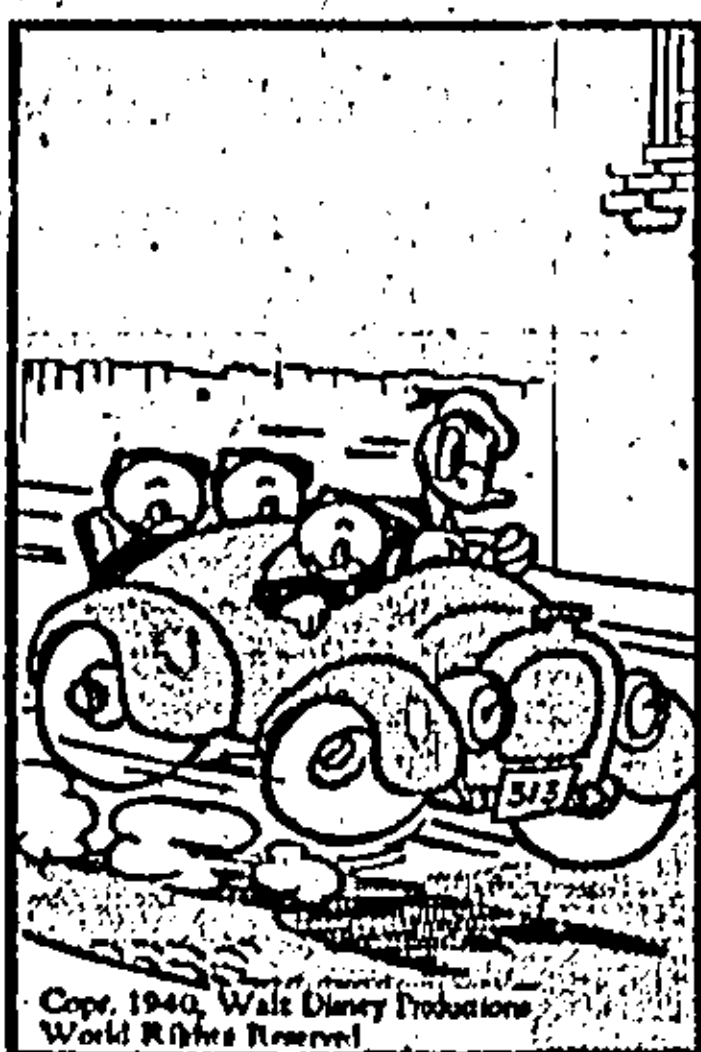
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PLANNED DER TAG FOR 1948

BRITAIN was to be German by 1948. The Nazis had a Ten-Year-Plan to "conquer" Europe. In 1937 they carefully mapped their timetable of systematic aggression.

A original of the secret map was discovered by the Czech police in a raid in 1938 on the Prague headquarters of Konrad Henlein, leader of the German Nazi Party in Czechoslovakia.

Although Henlein claimed to be loyal to the democratic Czech State, he was later revealed to have been in secret negotiation with Hitler, and is now a local Gauleiter.

A photographic copy of the brutally planned timetable was brought to London by one of the official British observers in the Sudetenland.

The Ministry of Information now issues this astounding map in the form of a bold, coloured poster.

Thus are the Nazi war aims again strikingly demonstrated to the world.

For All To See

Here was the plan:

Austria and Czechoslovakia were to be taken by 1938.

Poland and Hungary were to be annexed by 1939.

Rumania, Jugoslavia and Bulgaria were to be conquered by 1940.

Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Ukraine and the North of France were to be under the Nazi yoke by 1941.

Before 1948, Hitler's hordes of grabbing gangsters would have seized Scandinavia and Portugal.

Before 1948, also, the swastika would have blundered from Britain's historic castles and the Union Jack would have been trampled beneath the heel of the Nazi jack-boot.

This is how the plan was to be carried out.

Copies of the mapped time-table were smuggled to Nazi party organisers in Austria, and later to German agents in Czechoslovakia.

Hitler's Double-Cross

These organisers and agents were to select their tools, explain the plan, and work up campaigns of fanatical disobedience to the Governments of their countries.

The cry of "German minorities are being oppressed" was to be encouraged, and the Fuehrer, father of Germans everywhere, was to march in to save them.

While Hitler was telling the world that the German Government wanted nothing but peaceful co-operation with neighbouring countries, while he was promising the Poles to respect their independence, provided they acquiesced in the "rectification" of the Czech frontiers—confidential Nazi agents were already infiltrated into the scheme for the brutal annexation of Poland by September, 1939.

Ribbentrop's Mistake

Once the preliminaries of the plan had followed schedule, then the Greater Germany, enriched by its calculated plunder, would proceed to swallow its victims one by one.

Great Britain was apparently considered no obstacle to the plan; she was "a decadent democracy," "effete," she was "too weak."

When Ribbentrop told Hitler that Britain was unprepared and would not fight for the freedom of the small nations and the freedom to order her own life, that miscalculation was the nail in the coffin of Hitler's Ten-Year-Plan. Giffart Poland was cruelly raped, but the plan has been halted.

With the stand against him by Britain and France, Hitler's war has been altered in schedule.

This is the map of Europe as Germany planned to see it by 1948. Copies will be posted up all over Britain. It's a valuable lesson—if we needed it!

Bright But Forgot His Fingerprints

Joseph Berman was bright enough to be placed among the first 100 of the 7,000 men who took Civil Service examinations for the Philadelphia Police Force.

But he did not stop to reason that his fingerprints, submitted to the Board, would be passed along to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A card labelled "Berman" disclosed that the owner of the fingerprints had been indicted in New York on liquor conspiracy charges and was listed as a fugitive. So now Joseph Berman is back in a cell awaiting trial.

CLEARED GIRL'S NAME

TO protect a girl's name from parish gossip, a curate at a Liverpool inquest dismissed a suggestion that Joan Linacre, fourteen, a Girl Guide, had taken her life.

A verdict of Accidental death was recorded.

The girl was found gassed in her bed at her home in East Prescott-road, Liverpool, after she had been to a party in connection with the Maid Marion Troup at St. David's Church Hall, Knotty Ash, Liverpool.

"Amazing Child"

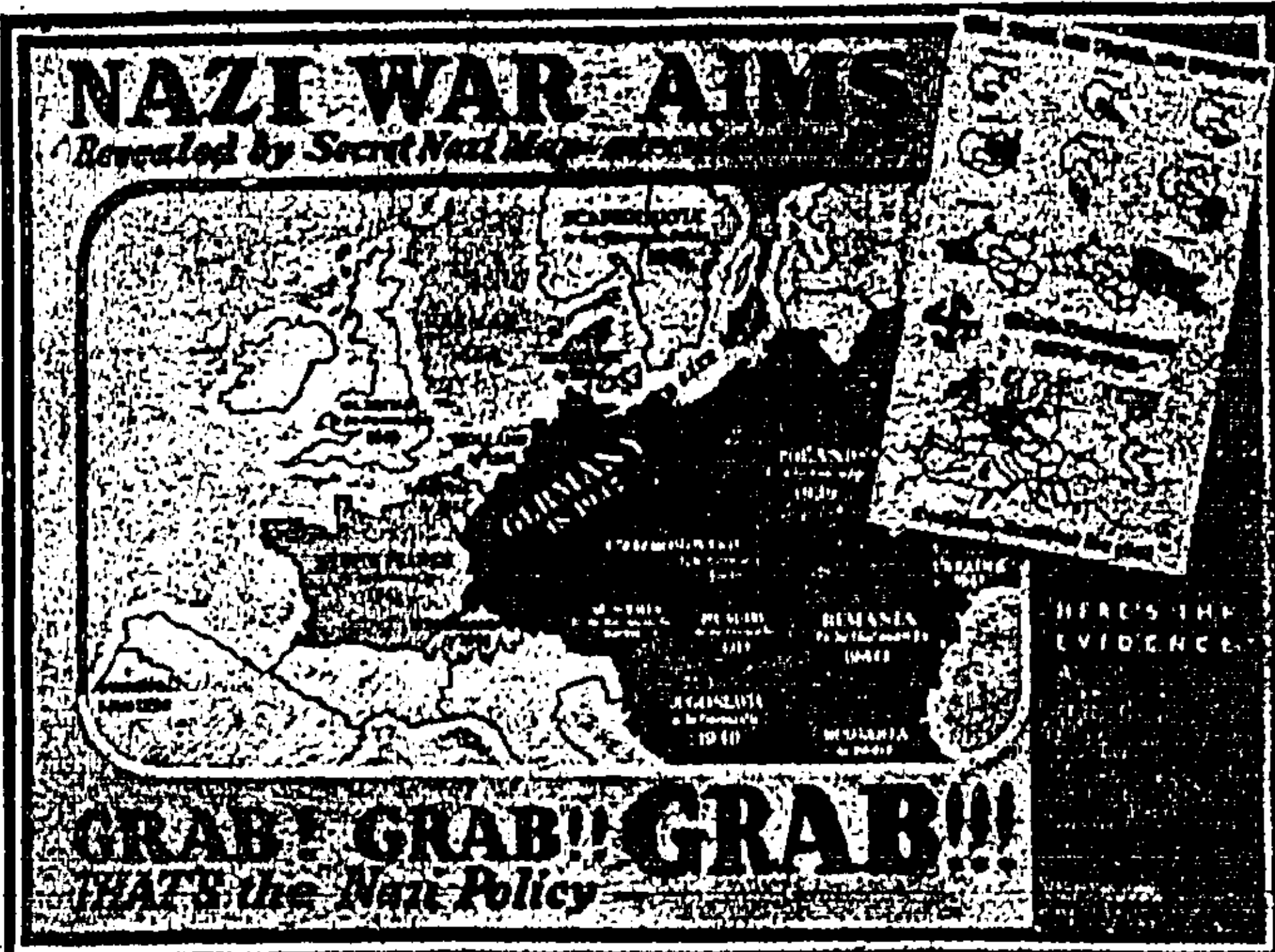
The Rev. R. Cundy, curate-in-charge of St. David's Parish Church, said after the verdict had been recorded:

"Some people in a parish like ours can be very unkind, and I keenly resent any suggestion that Joan had taken her own life."

"She was as straight as could be and lived every moment of her life. She was an amazing child, and did more for the church than anyone could imagine."

The other girls loved her so much that 140 of them, most of whom were working, were prepared to give up a day's work and a day's wages to attend her funeral.

The coroner said he was quite satisfied that the girl's death was the result of a pure accident.



COURTING FOR 75 YEARS—AS MAN AND WIFE

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MILLAND, Sussex.

SEVENTY-FIVE years ago Jimmy West, aged 25, walked arm in arm from the village church in freshly-starched smock, with Maria, his 20-year-old bride.

War Stops Star's Visit

WAR—and hard work—have put an end to Deanna Durbin's hopes of visiting England, where her mother and father were born, in Lancashire.

But this is the only disappointment in the life of the "world's happiest girl," who at seventeen has achieved a million dollars, six successive picture hits and a steady boy friend.

Her latest picture, "It's a Date" with Kay Francis, became a Broadway hit, and is likely to prove another money-maker for Universal Pictures, who were going through deep waters when Deanna joined them four years ago.

The Boy Friend

The boy friend is Vaughn Paul, a handsome, clean-cut young fellow of good family and means. Deanna doesn't mind telling about him.

"We were embarrassed," she smiles, "when, at my birthday party last December, word got around that Vaughn had given me a ring and we were planning to elope."

"That's silly. We go steady, but we don't consider ourselves engaged. Marriage is so far off I haven't given it a thought."

Deanna is one of the few actresses in Hollywood without a flop to her record. Universal paid her \$44,000 last year. Other sources—Dorothy, Dolores, dresses—various "ups" brought in perhaps £20,000 more.

Romney Too Risky

But to Deanna, who isn't especially good at figures, her salary is a comfortably vague thing, handled by her parents, which assures her of everything she wants—a pleasant home, with a huge electric organ and piano, a swimming pool, a car and plenty of pretty dresses.

"She would like to play opposite Mickey Rooney if she dared."

"It would be quite a risk," she admits.

"When Mickey's in a picture, you don't see much of anyone else, do you?"

KING TO BROADCAST

London, May 23. The King will broadcast an Empire Day message at 9 a.m. on Friday (4 a.m. Saturday, Hongkong Time), on the home and overseas programmes.

The last time the King broadcast was on Christmas Day from Sandringham.—United Press.

OLDEST SOLDIER—SAID HE WAS 54—IS A1 AT 70

SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD Tom Scrase, of Burgess Hill, Sussex, claims to be the oldest soldier in the British Army.

He is a private in the Royal Sussex Regiment, and is serving in his third war. When he enlisted in a home defence unit just before the outbreak of the war he gave his age as 54, and the medical board passed him as A1.

The authorities soon discovered that he was serving 62 years ago.

One day on parade an officer said to him: "You must have been an extraordinary soldier when you were two years old."

When he first joined the Army he put his age on 13 days, and served in the Boer War with the 14th King's Hussars.

He took part in the Relief of Ladysmith, and gained four bars to the Queen's Medal.

After 14 years Tom left the Army, but in 1915 he re-enlisted and was a sergeant in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps. From 1918 to 1920 he

was in Germany with the Army of Occupation.

The fact that he is in uniform again deprives him of the old age pension.

GOOD U.S. RECEPTION

New York, May 23.

Although frequently headlined as establishing a dictatorship similar to Hitler's, Britain's new emergency powers bill had a good reception to-day in the American Press.

The New York Times says that at one stroke Britain has voluntarily surrendered its hard-won liberties for the sake of preserving them.

No victory won by the Germans has ever been greater than this demonstration of the spirit of a great democracy in time of peril.—Reuter Bulletin.

BUT TIM SLEPT ON

CARDIFF. AIRCRAFTMAN TIM ROBERTS, of Birmingham, was visited by the Queen—but he didn't know it.

He lay in bed in the ward of an air station hospital somewhere in Wales which the King and Queen visited.

"Oh! he is sleeping," said the Queen as she walked up to his bedside. Only his tousled hair was visible.

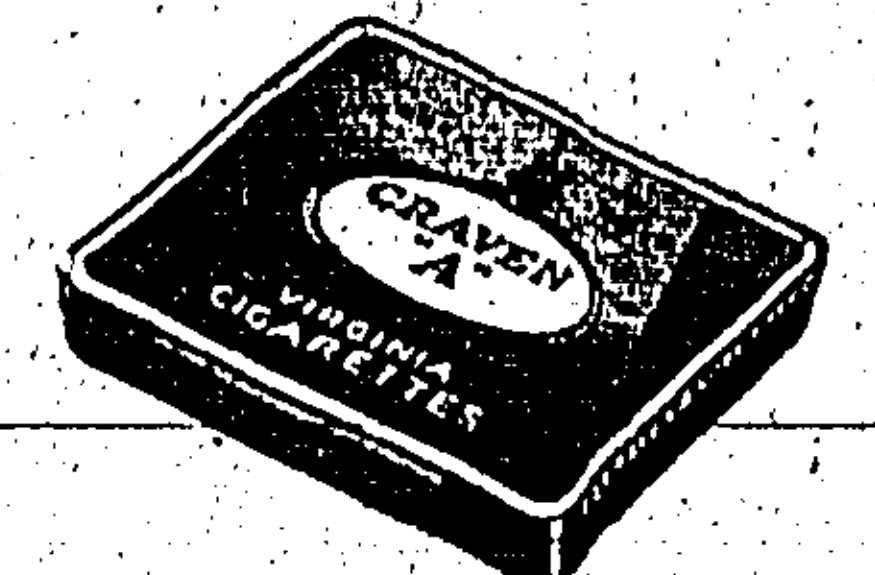
He was still asleep when the Queen left—the only one of thousands at the station who was unaware of the Royal visit.

In a full day's tour, the King and Queen saw munition-makers at work, talked with soldiers' wives and their children, watched R.A.F. men on parade and at play.

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Empire Day

Though overshadowed by the threat and implications of the German "Blitzkrieg" which is now waged in northern France and Belgium, to-day's celebrations of Empire Day will be observed throughout the far-flung British commonwealth of nations with no less fervent expressions of loyalty to the King than heretofore. Empire Day and all that it stands for means more to us, especially in Hongkong, than perhaps ever before.

The greatest bulwark of democracy, freedom and civilisation faces the ruthless threat of a maniacal demagogue, whose lust for power, as Mr. Duff Cooper rightly pointed out, knows no bounds. Therefore, Empire Day this year implies much more than a holiday and the opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of the greatest Queen of all time. It is an occasion for re-dedicating ourselves to the tremendous and grave task of crushing, once and for all, the scourge of Nazism which aims to overthrow, not only Europe's hard-won democracy, but the entire civilisation of the world, and notably of the British Empire.

The Empire to-day is facing a critical hour, but as in 1918, the Empire stands rock-like in its determination to overcome the forces of evil. Yesterday we heard the news of yet another contingent of Canadian troops arriving in the Motherland. Australia is still pouring more and more men into the theatres of war on behalf of the Empire. New Zealand is making a wonderful effort with men, materials and money, and India is forgetting her civil strife in this great moment when her sympathetic assistance is most needed.

The Empire is more united than ever, a fact which gives this Empire Day a new and more significant meaning. It is also a warning—a warning to Hitler and his masses of fanatical adherents that the British commonwealth of nations will never concede to them the right and love for democratic liberty. To-day there is a union in arms and spirit—as for future purposes of peace—of all the Empire.

A.R. PHITNESS DANCES

A.R.P. workers of Richmond, Surrey, are to be taught folk dancing to keep them on their feet for their duties. There is no question of compensation, said Councillor E. W. Wilson, who is now in charge of A.R.P. welfare work. "But I am hoping that both the men and the women will join in."

Italy entered the World War as an ally of Britain and France 25 years ago to-day. The article below is newsworthy in view of her present attitude.

WHATEVER may be thought in other British quarters, naval circles are not unduly perturbed by current reports that Italy intends to enter the war "to pull Hitler's chestnuts out of the fire." Prevailing opinion in these circles is that Signor Mussolini is far too shrewd to play the part of a cat's paw.

I can speak with some personal knowledge of naval conditions in the Mediterranean because, shortly before the Abyssinian crisis, I was an official guest first of the French, and then of the Italian, navy.

In the course of my Italian trip I had private interviews with Signor

ITALY'S WAR GAMBLE

By Hector Bywater

Mussolini, Count Ciano and Admiral Cavagnari, Naval Under-Secretary of State. I visited many naval bases and warships and was treated throughout with courtesy.

As stated, my interview with Mussolini was private, but as he has declared publicly before and since, that "freedom of the sea" is essential to Italy's existence, it is no breach of confidence to say now that he impressed this point on me during our talk at the Palazzo Venezia.

Italy, he said in effect, was strategically an island, with an extraordinarily long and vulnerable coastline. "She cannot live without sea-borne imports, and it is primarily to safeguard these that we are building a powerful navy." What he then proceeded to tell me is still confidential.

The same thesis was politely but firmly hammered into me by Count

Ciano and Admiral Cavagnari. But the facts speak for themselves too loudly to tempt me to break my vow of silence to these three gentlemen, all of whom, I must repeat, were extremely courteous.

Here are some of the facts that will probably make Italy's leaders pause as they plunge their lovely land into war with Britain and France. First, the combined naval forces which these two Powers are able to deploy in the Mediterranean would be superior to those of Italy, and though I heard disparaging (but quite undeserved) comments on French naval prowess while I was in Rome, a very wholesome respect for the British fleet was expressed.

Secondly, no part of the Italian peninsula is safe from aero-naval

attack. Even Rome itself lies within reach of long-range naval guns. Thirdly, Italy could be completely blockaded in her inland sea, the Mediterranean, by the closing of the Gibraltar Straits in the west and the Gulf of Suez in the east, both comparatively simple equipment. Fourthly, she would be cut off from her new empire in Ethiopia. Fifthly, and most important of all, she would be deprived of most of the 26 million tons of goods she imports every year.

These imports, of which 86 per cent. come by sea, are absolutely essential to her even in time of peace. In war they would have to be enormously increased, and the percentage would be eliminated against Italy's going to war with the Allied Powers.

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Wheat and oil in millions of tons reach her from the Black Sea, which means that they must pass through the Dardanelles that Turkey could close at any moment. From India, Australia and the Far East she imports 1,300,000 tons of cereals, fats, lute, cotton, wool and tin, which can reach her only through the Suez Canal.

No rhetoric can obscure these enormous facts for long. They constitute an unanswerable argument against Italy's going to war with the Allied Powers.

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It may be objected that Hitler has never had any amorous adventures or affairs, and that, as Professor Roberts wrote in "The House that Hitler Built," "he is too immersed in himself to be anything but aloof to women. His sedateness is the measure of his own colossal egotism, and he positively enjoys strengthening the myth of his difference from other men by his disregard for women."

If he were not a paranoid that might well stand as true. But the story told by Strasser obviously belongs to no ordinary "adventure." The background is black, with abnormality, like the polluted waters of which some men will not seek to penetrate. But credible or incredible? Neither more credible, I should say, nor more incredible, than a hundred other monstrous acts of Hitler's monstrous career of egotism and lust for personal domination and power.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY OF HITLER'S PAST

OTTO STRASSER'S REVELATIONS ABOUT DEATH OF FUEHRER'S GREAT-NIECE By J.B. Firth

SOME day—and that—before the Great Assize—there may well be another inquiry into the death of a young Austrian girl who was found dead in mysterious circumstances in the house of her great-uncle at Munich in 1931.

Her name was Angela Raubal. They called her Gely. Austrian by birth, she was pretty, attractive and gay, and possessed her full share of the charm and vivacity of her countrywomen. Such at least were the outstanding qualities when she went to live, about 1928, with her Uncle Adolf.

Adolf Hitler—not then, of course, the Fuehrer of the Reich, scarcely even Thane of Cawdor—was already fully conscious of his coming destiny, and already furiously impatient of all who crossed his path or withstood his slightest wish.

Gely was found one day shot dead. The finding of the court was suicide, but to many it did not seem altogether satisfactory. Young women seeking death rarely, if ever, shoot themselves. Nor do they play with attractive young women who are found shot are usually "the victims not of accident but of crime, due to jealousy, rage or passion.

CHARGE QUASHED

Was this girl's death suicide or—It is an ugly word—murder? People in Munich wondered and passed on. It was decidedly dangerous, even in 1931, to gossip in Munich to the prejudice of Adolf Hitler. Besides, had he not seemed broken-hearted that such an accident should have happened to a close relative living in his house under his protection? True, he has the faculty at will to start the tears coursing down his face, but if ever there was an occasion for genuine sorrow it was here.

Still, there was ugly talk, and the Procurator-General actually entered a charge against Hitler. It was heard, because the Bavarian Minister of Justice, one Guertner, quashed it. Curious that it was this same Guertner who had pressed for the release of Hitler before he had completed his sentence for his share in the Putsch of 1923, and the same Guertner who had let him from prison, which Hitler attended even more than imprisonment. Perhaps it is not so curious that Guertner was afterwards promoted Minister of Justice of the Reich.

Who is it who now recalls these bygone, it may be asked. It is one who lived in close association with Hitler at that time. He openly charges him with having shot Gely

in a fit of mad fury, and brings forward circumstantial evidence of a startling character.

If this person, who is and has been for years a declared and implacable enemy of Hitler, had not been a man of standing and repute, his word would go for little. But Otto Strasser, though living in exile, has a large if secret following in Germany. He was a Hitlerite for some years but always with deep misgivings as to the megalomania of his leader.

Hitler sent him to Berlin to rally the party there after the Munich Putsch and he met with great success. He was an intellectual, a fervent National-Socialist and an ardent enthusiast for the Socialist side of the programme which Hitler progressively abandoned.

STRASSER AND GELY

He often engaged in lively altercations with Hitler on the latter's lust for power and his brother, Gregor Strasser, whose intimacy with Hitler was much closer than his own, frequently intervened to restore peace between them. But if any two men had opportunities to show Hitler as he really was from 1923 to 1931 it was the two Strassers.

Gregor was murdered, shot in an underground cellar during the party "purge" of June 30, 1934. Otto was persistently shadowed and hunted by the gangsters of the Gestapo on Austrian and even on French soil and had many escapes which he describes in an astonishing book, "Hitler et Moi," published recently by the Paris house of Bernard Gasset.

Otto Strasser, in fact, is the leader of the anti-Hitler National-Socialists, and if Hitler and his gang disappeared to-morrow he would aspire to power in opposition to Goering, the militarists, the Junkers and the big industrialists.

It is no obscure and irresponsible person, therefore, who now declares that Hitler shot his great-niece Gely in 1931. He adduces, in corroboration, what another brother, Paul, told him at their last interview in the spring of 1935.

Paul, who is a Benedictine monk, revealed to him that his brother Gregor had confided to him, under pledge of secrecy, that after Gely's death he had spent three days and nights with Adolf Hitler disavowing him from turning against himself the revolver with which he had committed the deed. Gregor had told him nothing of the circumstances of the crime and nothing of its cause. Only the bare fact.

But it so happened that Otto was himself able to supply of his own personal knowledge an explanation

NEWS MAP: Oil Tanker Route

OIL from Russia is shipped across the Black Sea and reaches Germany via the Danube. This route cannot be blockaded by the Allies because the provisions of the Montreux Convention signed in 1936 close the Dardanelles to our warships.

The Convention prohibits the entry of belligerent warships into the Black Sea unless they are executing obligations under the League Covenant or under a mutual assistance pact to which Turkey is a partner and which is recognised by the League.



Queer Goings On At Sea Make Town Wonder If a Monster Is About

THE people of Folkestone are wondering what happened one day recently about a quarter of a mile out to sea off the Warren.

There is a Loch Ness Monster atmosphere hanging about the whole affair. You shall hear the evidence and return whatever verdict you like.

First witnesses were two small boys who went to a look-out station and said: "Oy, Mister, the sea's boiling." The look-out looked out but saw nothing. He concluded that the boys had seen a strong tide breaking over some rocks. We shall recall the look-out later.

A man who was travelling by train from Dover to Folkestone was more explicit. "I saw a big disturbance on the surface of the water," he said. "It was frothing and clouds of steam were rising from it. It lasted a few minutes."

BOMB CREW OVER NAZIS

Another person said he thought that some seals that had been seen near Folkestone were holding a mass meeting out to sea and were throwing up a fine spray.

Most people reject this theory. The 4. Flag, a boatman, said confidently that he saw a spout of water shoot up in the air. He suggested facetiously that someone on board a patrol vessel wanted fresh fish for tea and had dropped a depth charge.

A man fishing with a rod and line on the pier said that in his opinion it was a miniature tidal wave.

Smoke Float Theory

Another bit of evidence is in favour of an eruption or vast disturbance on the sea-bed. "There have been three big landslides on the coast during the winter," said one of this school, "and probably this had some effect on the sea-bed. The chalk may have slipped causing air to shoot up through the water and throwing a fine spray which looked like steam."

The look-out, recalled, is convinced now that he knows the actual reason for the boiling sea.

"There is no doubt about it," he said. "It was a smoke float dropped by an aeroplane. I have seen them before. The effect of the water on these things produces a steaming and a vapour."

14-Hour Day For Germans

AMSTERDAM.—The extraordinary demands made on German roads and railways for the transport of troops and coal and other goods are reflected in a new decree published in the Reichsgesetzblatt, organ of the German Ministry of Labour.

This introduces a 14-hour working day for all German transport workers over 16.

The measure, it is explained, is due to the necessity of "utilising all means of transport to the utmost."

An announcement in the National Zeitung of Essen showed that equal strain is being placed on railway rolling stock. The paper printed a recommendation of Essen railway authorities that for journeys up to 60 miles goods trucks should be given a load weighing one ton more than their registered capacity.

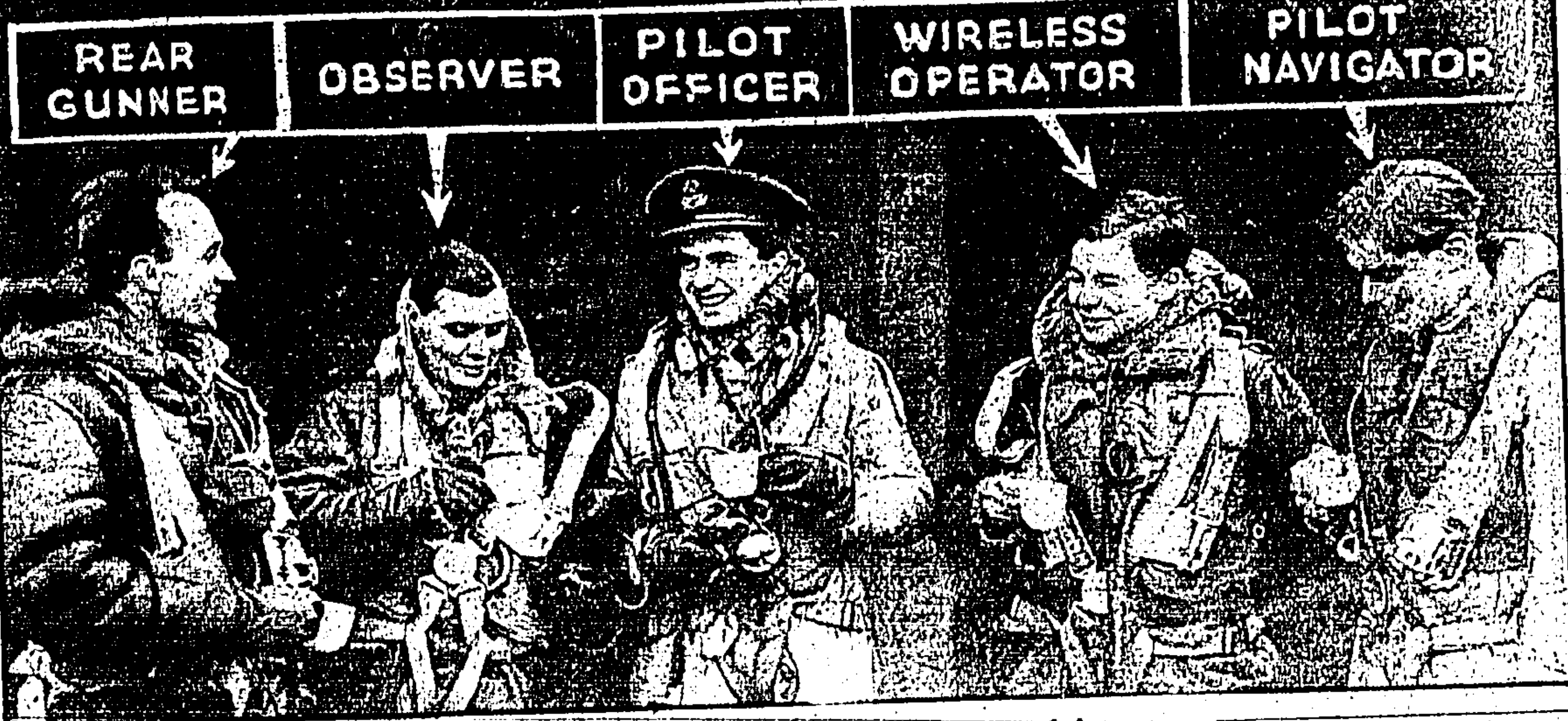
These two items of news throw further light on the causes of the frequent accidents on German railways. Both men and material are being worked to death.

A different picture is provided by the new wage scales for the German merchant marine, issued last Thursday by Dr. Voeltz, special labour trustee for the merchant navy.

These are concerned solely with the working time of watchmen employed on ships laid up in port owing to "special circumstances created by the war." Watchmen on ships laid up for longer than eight weeks and to be allowed two free days a month.

reporter, trying to find the exit through the smoke.

The electrical expert's verdict is that the accident was caused by the main transformer burning out.



FLEET MAINTAINING ITS TRADITIONS

THIS official picture of Britain's record of naval achievement since the war began shows how the Fleet is maintaining its traditions.

Aggregate power developed by the main engines of the Fleet was 12,000,000 horse power—equal to the total generating capacity of all the power stations in Britain.

Battleships have averaged 25 days at sea every month during the past four months, the average mileage steamed being between 8,000 and 10,000 miles.

Twenty thousand active service men and 8,000 reservists and pensioners were engaged at sea in the early days of the war, and as the Fleet expands the number increases.

Since the outbreak of war only one ship has been delayed by main engine trouble—and that delay was only for an hour and a half.

Reservists and pensioners responded nobly to the call to the colours, some after many years' absence.

In one case a ship had three engineer officers whose combined ages totalled 101 years.

Here is one of the many R.A.F. bomber crews now fighting so splendidly on the Western Front.

VALUE OF A GIRL'S HAND

A GIRL'S hand is worth £250 more than a man's according to damages assessed at Manchester Assizes, when a girl aged eighteen was awarded £1,500 for the loss of three fingers of her right hand.

Later it was announced that a claim by a man for a similar right-hand injury had been settled for £1,250.

Miss Annie Hindle, of Heyes-street, Blackburn, awarded the £1,500, sued the Rose Hill Laundry, of Blackburn, for damages for personal injuries.

Her hand, caught in machinery, was seriously crushed and burned. Three of her fingers were partially amputated and a fourth was stiff and useless.

George Sellers, of Trevelyan-street, Eccles, in a claim against his employers, Mr. Epstein, manufacturer of upholstery, of Cambridge-street, Mills, Lower Broughton, was awarded £1,250.

Three of his fingers were sliced off by a circular saw at the works. The tips of his thumb and remaining finger of the hand were also cut off.

HITLER'S AMBITION

Berlin, May 23.

A military spokesman to-day emphasised to the Press that Hitler's prime objective was the conquest of Britain.

Latest reports from the front make no enthusiastic claims of successes but merely say that in the face of furious counter-attacks the Germans are spreading a new thrust to the north along the French coast in order to close around the Allies in west Holland.

Reports paint a picture of despair and near panic in London and Paris because of the initial success of the blitzkrieg which swallowed up Belgium and pushed a huge bulge into France to create a serious threat that the war might be soon brought to Britain.

It is claimed that the Germans have thrust about 30 miles inland and northward and that even-west tip of Belgium and the Dutch border. It is believed that after cutting the Allied troops the Germans will be able to concentrate on their push across the Channel.

Authorised quarters after querying the High Command, flatly deny the report that the Allies have recaptured Abbeville, Amiens and Sedan.

United Press.

Haw-Haw Was Too Much For This Set

TWENTY-FOUR nations broadcast one or more daily talks in English and other languages. Most of this is propaganda. Some of it is news. To sift it London newspapers employ expert listener-reporters.

One of them calculates that in three months he has heard and sifted 3,000,000 words—more than half of them from "Jahrmann."

Recently he again tuned in to Bremen. This, he reports, is what happened when he turned the switch.

Noises On And Off

The magic eye turned a bleary green, winked drunkenly, and then went out. Lord Haw-Haw, who was apparently in the middle of denouncing Mr. Churchill, coughed, gurgled, made a noise like a man with a fishbone stuck in his throat, and went out, too.

From inside the set came a series of crackles, then a cloud of dense black smoke followed by flames. After this the set also went out, clutched in the arms of an agitated

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Doran's Last Flight Was Over Stavanger Base

SQUADRON Leader K. C. Doran, first officer to win the D.F.C. in this war and the first to receive a bar, is believed to have been killed when he led a force of Blenheim bombers over Stavanger.

His squadron was starting a new series of raids—the first daylight raids of the war—intended to reduce the German-occupied Norwegian air base to temporary impotence.

In the face of intense anti-aircraft fire the British planes raked the base with high explosive and incendiary bombs, causing havoc on the aerodrome.

The perfect weather favoured visibility, but it also hampered the British raiders in their escape.

The R.A.F. planes were engaged by four Messerschmitt 110s. One Blenheim was hit, but the pilot manoeuvred away. Another sent a Messerschmitt 109 spinning into the sea with smoke streaming from its engine.

But Doran's plane was one of two which have not been seen since the formation broke up to deliver their separate attacks on the aerodrome. With him as observer was Sergeant R. H. J. Balltrick, and as air gunner and wireless operator Pilot Officer M. N. Seale.

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ANOTHER NAZI LIE NAILED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A categorical denial was given in authoritative circles to the rumour that Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, has broken down and has returned to England. It is stated that this is clearly another example of the enemy's practice of endeavouring to undermine confidence and cause confusion by spreading false and fantastic rumours.

Y.M.C.A. FIXTURES

European Y.M.C.A. fixtures for the coming week are as follows:
Sunday, May 20. Mixed Swimming 9 a.m. Special Day of Prayer—Discussion Group 9 p.m. Speaker: J. R. Higgs, M.A.
Monday, May 21. War Work 10 a.m. Service Whist Drive 8.30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22. Bridge Class 10 a.m. Australian Society's Social Evening for Australian Ship's company in the West Lounge 8.30 p.m. Mixed Swimming 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23. Gramophone Recital 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 24. Games Morning 10 a.m. May 31. Swimming: Business Girls, 5.30 p.m. Mixed Swimming 6.30 p.m.

HUMILIATING DEFEAT

Fascist Candidate Loses Election Deposit

London, May 23. The Middleton by-election to-day resulted:
Lieut. Gates (Coalition) ... 32,030.
Mr. Haslam (Fascist) ... 418.
Mr. Haslam is the third Fascist candidate to forfeit his deposit in a by-election since the war.
The last election resulted:
Sir A. N. S. Sandeman (Con.) 27,369
J. Nuttall (Labour) ... 17,398
—British Wireless.

LATE NEWS

LATEST POSITION

PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—The German troops which earlier to-day were reported to have crossed the Scheldt near Auncenarde, Belgium, were thrust back shortly afterwards, according to semi-official Belgian reports received to-night.
According to military sources, a German infantry attack was launched about 4 p.m. at Attigny, between Sedan and Reims.
The result of the attack is not yet known.
There was violent fighting throughout the day in the region of Valenciennes, Cambrai and Arras.
Numerous engagements, resulting apparently from French initiative also occurred on the Somme.
The position this afternoon, according to Paris military circles, was as follows:
In the north, the powerful Allied force holds a solid, continuous and organised front from the north of Beaume along the Scheldt to Valenciennes, and starting at Cambrai and extending to Arras and the region south of Arras.

Workers Welcome New Measure

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Fred Smith, Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Unions, expresses the Trade Union view when he says, apropos of the new Emergency regulation: "If it is designed to get the maximum effort out of everybody, I am whole-heartedly in favour of it."

France Impressed

PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—The action of the British Parliament in passing the new Emergency Bill is regarded in France as one more proof of British unity and determination to fight to the end.

U.S. MINISTER RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Mr. James Cromwell, U.S. Minister to Canada.

(Some months ago, Mr. Cromwell in a speech in Canada condemned Nazi aggression and brought on a series of senatorial denunciations. However, he said he was prepared to place his head on the diplomatic block on the strength of that speech. He was subsequently rebuked by the State Department and asked to be more discreet in future. Recently he announced his intention to resign from his post and to run for Senator from New Jersey.)

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Fall of Cambrai may be imminent

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE FRENCH FORCES, MAY 24 (UP).—THE ALLIES LAST NIGHT TURNED FROM STRATEGIC RETREAT TO MASS OFFENSIVE AS THEY SLASHED AT THE WEAKEST LINK IN THE GERMAN RING AROUND NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

In the great battle which has raged for 48 hours in the Cambrai and Valenciennes sectors, military experts told me to-night that the Germans have at last cracked.

Allied forces have fought their way into the outskirts of Cambrai, plunging into the final assault with tanks and armoured cars.

Now the million British, French, Belgian and Dutch troops whom the German claimed were "trapped" in the north are less than 30 miles away from the main French Army.

Between the two great Allied armies are the Germans, themselves in danger of encirclement if the present Allied manoeuvre succeeds.

French Communiqué
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 23 (UP).—To-night's communiqué says: "Many combats took place at various points in north France. Our advanced elements reached the suburbs of Arras. An enemy attack, which was preceded by strong artillery preparation, failed south of Sedan. There was an artillery duel between Longuyon and Metzelle."

GERMAN THRUST REPULSED

PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—A German thrust in Belgium has been repulsed.

Nazi troops earlier to-day were reported to have crossed the Scheldt near Aunarde, but they were thrown back shortly afterwards, according to semi-official Belgian reports received in Paris to-night.

Military sources state that a German infantry attack was launched this afternoon at Attigny, which is between Sedan and Rethel in France.

The result of the action is not yet known.

French Initiative
There was violent fighting throughout the day in the region of Valenciennes, Cambrai and Arras, where the Allied forces are reported to be offering a serious menace to the German flanks.

The French took the initiative on this front to-day and they also attacked hotly and with some success in the Somme area.

According to Paris military circles, the position this afternoon was as follows:

Latest Position
In the north, the powerful Allied force holds a solid, continuous and organised front from the north of Boulogne, along the Scheldt to Valenciennes, and starting again at Cambrai and extending to Arras and the region south of Arras.

Based On Fundamental Needs
"H.M.G. feel that friendly relations between this country and Spain answer to the fundamental needs and inclinations of both countries, based as they are upon over 150 years of peace between them, and in common regard for the fundamental Christian principles of European civilisation. In these circumstances, H.M.G. sincerely welcomed the Spanish labourers."

Anglo-Spain Relations

Reiteration Of Good Neighbourliness

LONDON, May 23 (British Wireless).—Diplomatic circles in London have noted with interest a statement on Anglo-Spanish relations recently given to a Spanish Press representative in London and in which Lord Halifax said the policy of H.M.G. was to maintain and develop the existing friendly relations between Britain and Spain.

He said it was important to realise that this policy was not that of one party only, but one common to the members of all parties as the recent Commons debate on the Anglo-Spanish Commercial Agreement had shown.

Germans Enter Boulogne As Allied Armies Smash Weakest Link Far In Rear

NAZI MECHANISED UNITS IN FRENCH COAST CITY

By WALLACE CARROLL
"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, MAY 24 (UP).—AS THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR WAS RAGING AROUND THE WAR-WRECKED CITY OF CAMBRAI, WHERE WINSTON CHURCHILL'S THEORY THAT A STRONGLY ARMOUR-CLAD MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH HE HAD DUBBED THE "TANK" WOULD SMASH THROUGH INFANTRY WAS PUT TO THE TEST FOR THE FIRST TIME 23 YEARS AGO, CHURCHILL AROSE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT TO TELL OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MASS USE OF THE WEAPON.

German armoured divisions, the Premier told the Commons, had smashed through to the Channel.

FIGHTING IN BOULOGNE

Parts of the French Channel city of Boulogne, thirty miles across the Channel from Folkestone, have been occupied by these advance detachments.

Mr. Churchill's speech lasted only ten minutes, but it was forceful and made no attempt to hide the seriousness of the situation.

"German armoured forces which made their way through a breach in the French Army and penetrated to the rear of the Allied armies in Belgium are now attempting to derange our communications," he said.

"Abbeville is in enemy hands."

"Heavy fighting is now in progress in and around Boulogne."

SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS

"It is too early yet to say what the result of this coastal fighting may be, but it evidently carries with it implications of a serious character."

"Meanwhile, General Weygand, in Supreme Command, is conducting operations involving all the Allied armies, with a view to restoring and reconstituting their combined front."

NAZI CHAIN BROKEN?

What these operations are, Mr. Churchill did not say.

But Ralph Heinzen, the "United Press" correspondent who was with the British forces in Belgium and is now with the French G.H.Q. in France, has given an indication in his communiqué last night, in which he discloses that the Allied Forces have now turned from their strategical retreat to the south and have suddenly slashed at the weakest link in the German ring.

But with the Germans within artillery range of Folkestone and other towns on the English coast, informed quarters in London expect that the Allied counter-attack will take on an even more ferocious aspect.

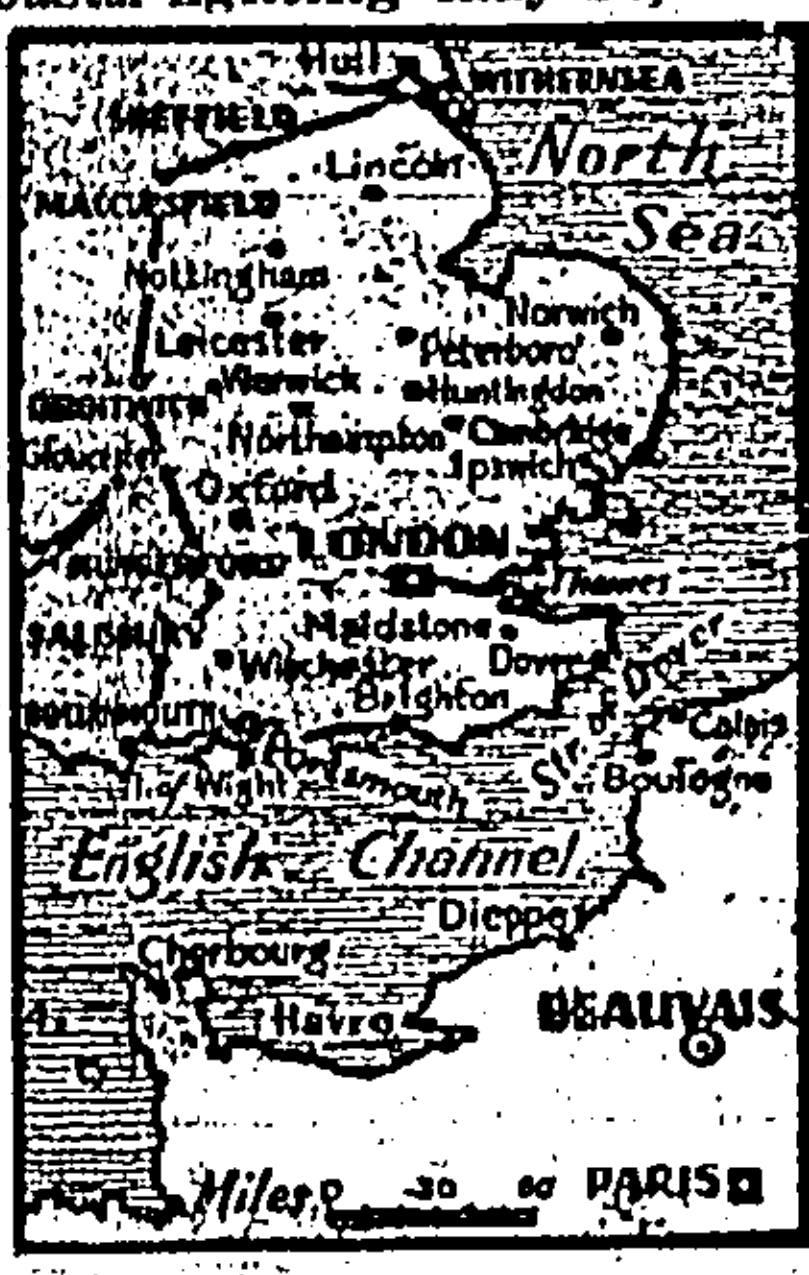
The present Allied attack apparently aims at crushing both flanks of the German salient between the jaws of the Allies' nutcracker, operating simultaneously from the north, the south and the east.

Informed quarters warn, however, that the public must not be unduly optimistic.

Must Not Under-rate German Strength
Operations on the scale now being undertaken will require several days before a decision can be reached, and it is emphasised that Germany's strength must not be under-rated.

Heavy fighting is continuing to-night in and around Boulogne and it is quite apparent that the small German mechanised units which have penetrated into the coastal city cannot hold out unless they are quickly reinforced by German infantry, an unlikely contingency in view of the big Allied attack now under way around Cambrai.

Analysis Of Situation
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—That the present war situation is grave no one in authority here denies. "Reuter" was told by well-informed circles to-night, Mr. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons that fighting was now under way around Cambrai.



MAP illustrates relationship of Boulogne to the south coast of England. The area in white in England shows where extra precautions have been adopted against any Nazi attempt to land parachute troops.

Special Map To-morrow

IN RESPONSE to many request from readers, the "Telegraph" will publish to-morrow a full-page map of the Western Front.

The map, which measures 20 by 15 1/2 inches, will be published on art paper and will be suitable for mounting.

Extra copies may be obtained from the "Telegraph" at a nominal cost.

The usual week-end features and Pictorial Supplement will also be published to-morrow.

CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY

ENTEBBE, (Fort Alice), May 23 (Reuter).—Telegrams have been exchanged between the Governor of Uganda and the Governor-General of the Belgian Congo.

Beware Nazi Radio Lies

Fantastic Fairy Stories Sent Out

LONDON, May 23 (British Wireless).—Considerable attention at present is being given to the use in German strategy of rumour as a weapon of attack.

Developments of recent weeks, it is remarked, have greatly enhanced the effectiveness of this weapon in German hands. The swarms of rumours which the Germans drive before them in their advance, interspersed with German agents, provide an excellent medium for the carrying of alarmist rumours.

More important still is the occupation by Germany of the great sources of European news, such as Amsterdam and Copenhagen, the virtual cutting off of others such as Stockholm, and the control of wireless stations and of trans-continental cable telephone services which Germany's aggressions have brought her.

Well-Known Technique
This has not only resulted in the drying-up of news of reliable neutral sources, in particular American news, but also in the spreading of false news.

R.A.F. Continue Terrific Onslaughts

GERMAN FORCES DISORGANISED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the tanks, armoured vehicles and troop concentrations which were forming a vanguard for the enemy's advance towards the French Channel ports were again heavily bombed yesterday by strong forces of Blenheim aircraft.

For more than six hours, until the gathering of dusk made the recognition of troop movements impossible, relays of aircraft kept up an almost continuous assault with bombs and machine guns.

They caused damage and confusion over a wide area.

Among the first targets which they successfully attacked in the afternoon was a column of lorries and armoured fighting vehicles which were caught on the move.

Lorries Blown Sky-High

Direct hits were scored on the lorries by six Benhems. They attacked individually.

Bombs were seen to burst on the roads amongst the column over a distance of 800 yards.

As each aircraft approached to bomb it was subjected to a barrage of well-aimed pom-pom fire from about 30 guns.

Having released their bombs, the Benhems turned their attention to the gun crews which were attacking them with machine gun fire.

Another force of Benhems delivered individual attacks on a number of targets. Later arrivals found that the lorries and cars, which had been hit in the earlier bombing attacks, were still blazing by the roadside.

Final Sortie

A final sortie was made against the Headquarters of the enemy's armoured division by a force of Benhems which had been specially detailed for the task.

Close on 100 high explosives and bombs were dropped in the course of this concentrated attack. Most of the bombs were seen to explode well within the target area.

Trains Derailed

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Fuller details of yesterday's British bombing operations show that trains were derailed and set on fire and that road and rail communications were interrupted over a wide area.

One of the trains hit by a Hampden bomber at Geldern, a German town near the Dutch frontier, was an ammunition train which blew up with an explosion which rocked the aircraft high above.

After a concentrated attack on another train near Liege, the attackers saw wreckage lying all over the place. A force of Whitley bombers spent over an hour over Hirsion exploring before the attack. Then when they were quite sure of their targets, they dropped eight bombs right on the railway junction.

Air Ministry Report

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced last night strong forces of heavy and medium bombers attacked objectives behind the fighting front in southern Belgium and the Meuse sector.

Much damage was done on road and railway junctions. A railway junction at Charleroi was damaged.

Bridges in the Namur region sustained direct hits.

Troop concentrations were heavily bombed in the area north of the Aisne.

CEASE SAILING ORDER

Rome Suspends Italian Service To Orient

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, May 24 (UP).—Fresh indications that Italy is contemplating entry into the European conflict are seen in the announcement made this morning by the local office of Lloyd Triestino, that "until further notice, departures of express liners from Trieste have been suspended."

The Shanghai office declared that a cable to this effect has been received from Rome.

Conte Verde At Colombo

Officials stated that the Conte Verde, which is en route to the Far East, is expected to reach Colombo to-day.

However, they could give no indication whether the vessel would continue her voyage to Hongkong in view of the new Rome order, or whether she would turn back.

The order apparently affects only the company's express liners on the Orient run.

"Freighters are not affected. A 'Reuter' message confirms the suspension of the sailings. It adds that the Shanghai agent said it was possible that lack of passengers from Trieste may have influenced the development."

LATEST MUSSOLINI SUMMONS SUPREME COUNCIL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 24 (Domei).—Mussolini announced to-day that he has summoned a conference of the Supreme Defence Council to discuss important matters now facing Italy.

It is understood that all Italian Ministers, Marshal Badoglio, and many other leading army and navy officers will attend the conference. Significance is attached by observers here to the result of the conference, with the situation in the Balkans and the Mediterranean now highly complex.

Ciano In Albania
ROME, May 23 (Domei).—Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, arrived at Durres on Wednesday afternoon aboard the Italian cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi on a four-day inspection tour of Albania.

It is expected that Count Ciano will survey the new industrial and agricultural developments, and especially the Italian defences along the Albanian-Greek frontier.



The printed rayon crepe jacket ensemble at top shows how appropriate to the short yoke-trimmed top in a larger size jacket. The gown is simply cut with deep V neckline and the back waistline. In white with forget-me-not clusters. A popular version in larger size nightgowns, arranged tuckings at waistline of a straight cut skirt with Alençon lace applied in a yoke.

Steak and Oats

HALF a pound of raw minced steak with the same quantity of rolled oats makes a nutritious, economical dinner for four or five people.

Brown the oats in the oven, then fry them for five minutes in 1½ oz. of dripping. Add the steak, seasoned with salt and pepper, two or three sliced onions and a pint of boiling water.

Stew slowly for one and a half hour, or steam in a greased basin for two hours. Cooked mince can be used for a stew if the oats and onions are cooked alone and the meat is added to the pan for the last five minutes, so that it is heated through, but not re-cooked.

Page for Knitters Service

HERE is the Service pullover worked under the direction of a consulting physician to the Forces. It is designed to give extra warmth where it is specially needed.

For example, that deep band of double knitting round the waist and loins gives all the comfort of a body belt. The pullover itself is knitted in an elastic rib that fits closely to the figure, shaped to give extra width over the chest. The physician advised it to be worn inside, not over, the trousers. It should fit without a wrinkle.

For well-shaped knitting in a good wool is far warmer than loose work in a bulky yarn. This pullover is suitable for wear for all three Services in their own special colours.

Materials Required: 9oz. 3-ply "Seal" knitting wool; 1 pr. No. 12 knitting needles; 1 pr. No. 10 knitting needles.

Measurements: Chest 38 inches. Length from shoulder to hem, 23 inches.

Tension: Seven stitches to the inch.

Abbreviations: K, knit; P, purl; tog., together; st., stitch; patt., pattern; sts., stitches; rep., repeat; inc., increase; dec., decrease; ins., inches.

The Back

Using No. 12 needles and double wool, cast on 66 sts. Rib (K1, P1) for 9 ins. Change to No. 10 needles and single wool. Purl one row, increasing in every 6th stitch along the row, except the last st. (111 sts.).

Next Row: Commence patt. * K3, P1, K1, P1, rep. from * to end of row, finishing with K3.

Row 2: * P3, K1, P1, K1, rep. from * to end of row, finishing with P3.



Practical pullover, with deep, close band of double ribbing where extra warmth is needed. Left, two-strand knitting for the ribbing.

Rep. the last two rows, increasing at each end of every 8th row until there are 123 sts. on the needle.

Continue without increasing until the work measures from 14in. to 16in. from the beginning, according to height of wearer, and then decrease for the armholes.

Cast off 9 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 rows. K 2 tog. at each end of the next 8 rows (60 sts.). Continue straight until the armhole measures 7½ in. Shape for the shoulders, casting off 9 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows, leaving 35 sts. on the needle. Cast off.

V-Neck Front

Work as for the back until the armholes are reached. After the first two rows of decreasing, work on the first 52 sts. only for the left side of the front.

Continue with the armhole decreasing as for the back, and at the same

time K 2 tog. at the neck end of every 5th row.

When the armhole decreasing is finished work straight and continue with the neck decreasing until there are 27 sts. and the armhole measures the same as the back.

Shape the shoulder by casting off 9 sts. each time the row begins at the armhole edge until all are cast off.

Join wool to the st. at the neck end of the remaining 53 sts. K 2 tog. and work to correspond with the left side.

For the borders of neck and armholes, using No. 10 needles cast on 3 sts. and knit a strip of garter stitch long enough to be sewn round the neck. Shape to a V at centre front. Knit two lengths in the same way for the armholes.

MAKING-UP.—Press with a hot iron over a damp cloth. Join together shoulder and side seams. Sew on neck and armhole borders. Press all seams.

This pullover was designed for a

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Pullover

man 5ft. 10in. tall and 38in. round the chest.

For shorter men the double ribbing could be reduced in proportion, also the length between the armhole and the top of the rib.

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Below are instructions for a quickly knitted pair of "mitts," which are designed in a very easy, but distinctive pattern. You'll enjoy knitting them.

Materials required: 2oz. 4-ply fingering; 1 pr. No. 13 knitting pins. Tension: 24 sts. to 1 inch.

With No. 13 pins, cast on 60 sts. Rib 5in. k. 2, p. 2. Continue in the following pattern:—

1st row: k. 2nd row: p. 3rd row: k. 4th row: * p. 2, k. 2, repeat from ending; p. 2; 5th row: as 4th; 6th row: as 4th. Repeat these 6 rows for 6 inches.

Shape the 4th finger: Take the centre 10 sts. from the hand, cast on 4 sts. (20 sts.). Work 1in. in stocking st. Rib 4 rows k. 2, p. 2. Cast off.

Shape the 3rd finger: Take 7 sts. from the back of hand. Pick up and k. 4 sts. from the front of hand, cast on 4 sts. (23 sts.). Work 1in. stocking st. Rib 6 rows k. 2, p. 2. Cast off.

Shape 2nd finger: Take 7 sts. from back of hand, pick up and k. 4 sts. from cast on sts. of 3rd finger. Take 7 sts. from front of hand, cast on 4 sts. Work 1in. stocking st. Rib 6 rows k. 2, p. 2. Cast off.

Shape 1st finger: Take last 8 sts. from the back of hand, pick up and k. 4 sts. from cast on sts. of the 2nd finger. Take the last 8 sts. from the front of hand (22 sts.). Work as rib finger.

THUMB: With No. 13 pins cast on 2 sts. Work in stocking st., increasing 1 st. each end of 2nd and every 3rd row, following until 24 sts. Work 1in. stocking st. Rib 6 rows k. 2, p. 2. Cast off.

Work another mitten to correspond. To make up: Press with warm iron and damp cloth, sew the seams of the fingers, and the side seam of mitten. Leaving space for thumbs. Sew seams of thumbs, sew thumbs to mittens—remembering there is one for the right hand and one for the left.

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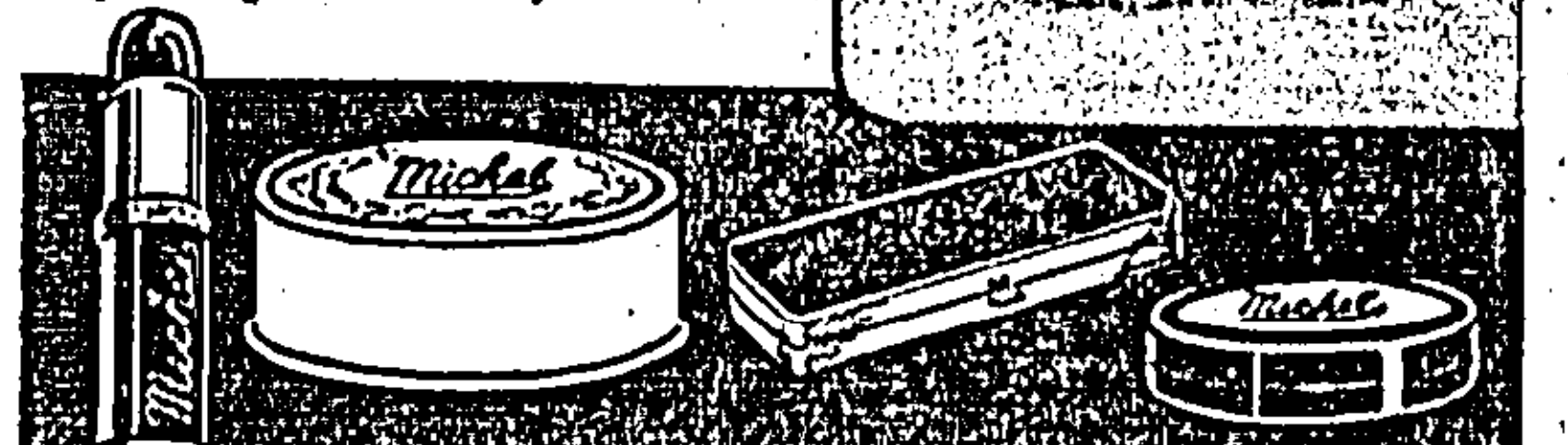
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Potato Scones for Breakfast

8 oz. mashed potato, ¼ lb. flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 rounded teaspoon baking powder, 2 oz. margarine, ½ cup milk.

Sift flour, salt, and baking powder into a basin. Rub in margarine with the tips of the fingers and stir in potatoes. Stir till well mixed, then add enough of the milk to make a soft dough. Turn on to a lightly-floured board. Roll to ½ inch thickness. Cut into small rounds. Bake in greased baking tins in a hot oven for quarter hour.

Roiled Ribs of Beef with Potato

Stuffing

These are simply delicious! This is how to make the potato stuffing:— 1 lb. hot mashed potato, salt and pepper to taste, 1 small onion, grated, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 1½ oz. margarine, ½ teaspoon mixed herbs, 1 egg.

Put the hot potato into a basin, add the margarine and beat together. Add salt, pepper, herbs, parsley, and onion and beat in the egg.

Potato Doughnuts for Tea

4 oz. flour, 2 oz. sieved cooked potato, 1 egg, 2 oz. margarine, ½ teaspoon spice, 1 teaspoon baking powder, frying fat, a little sugar for sprinkling.

Sieve flour, baking powder, and spice together. Rub in fat with fingertips. Add potato and break up finely with other ingredients. Mix to a stiff dough with beaten egg, and

SAVOURY BEEF CAKES

POP a poached egg on top of these savoury meat cakes and you have an excellent appetising meal.

Fry a small, chopped onion in dripping until golden brown. Then stir in a dessertspoonful of flour and cook this until brown.

Add a cupful of stock or gravy, bring to boil and simmer for six minutes. Stir in half a No. 1 tin of Armour's corned beef (minced), 1 oz. bread crumbs, pepper and salt, and blend well, adding about half a beaten egg.

Turn the mixture on to a plate. When cold, shape into flat cakes, brush over with remainder of the egg, coat with breadcrumbs and fry golden brown in deep fat.

Place one poached egg on top of each meat cake and serve with green vegetables.

Potato Fish Pie for Supper

Three cups hot mashed potatoes, 3 cups left-over baked, boiled, or steamed fish, ½ pint white sauce, 1 tablespoon melted margarine, seasoning.

Fry rings in deep fat which just has a faint blue smoke coming from it. Cook five to seven minutes, drain on soft paper and dredge with sugar. Serve hot or cold.

If necessary, a small quantity of milk.

Roll out to half inch in thickness and cut into rings with two pastry cutters, one much smaller than the other.

Fry rings in deep fat which just has a faint blue smoke coming from it. Cook five to seven minutes, drain on soft paper and dredge with sugar. Serve hot or cold.

Bake in a moderate oven until brown on top and well heated through. A pleasant addition to this dish is to mix two heaped tablespoons of grated cheese with the potatoes.

Heiter Sargent



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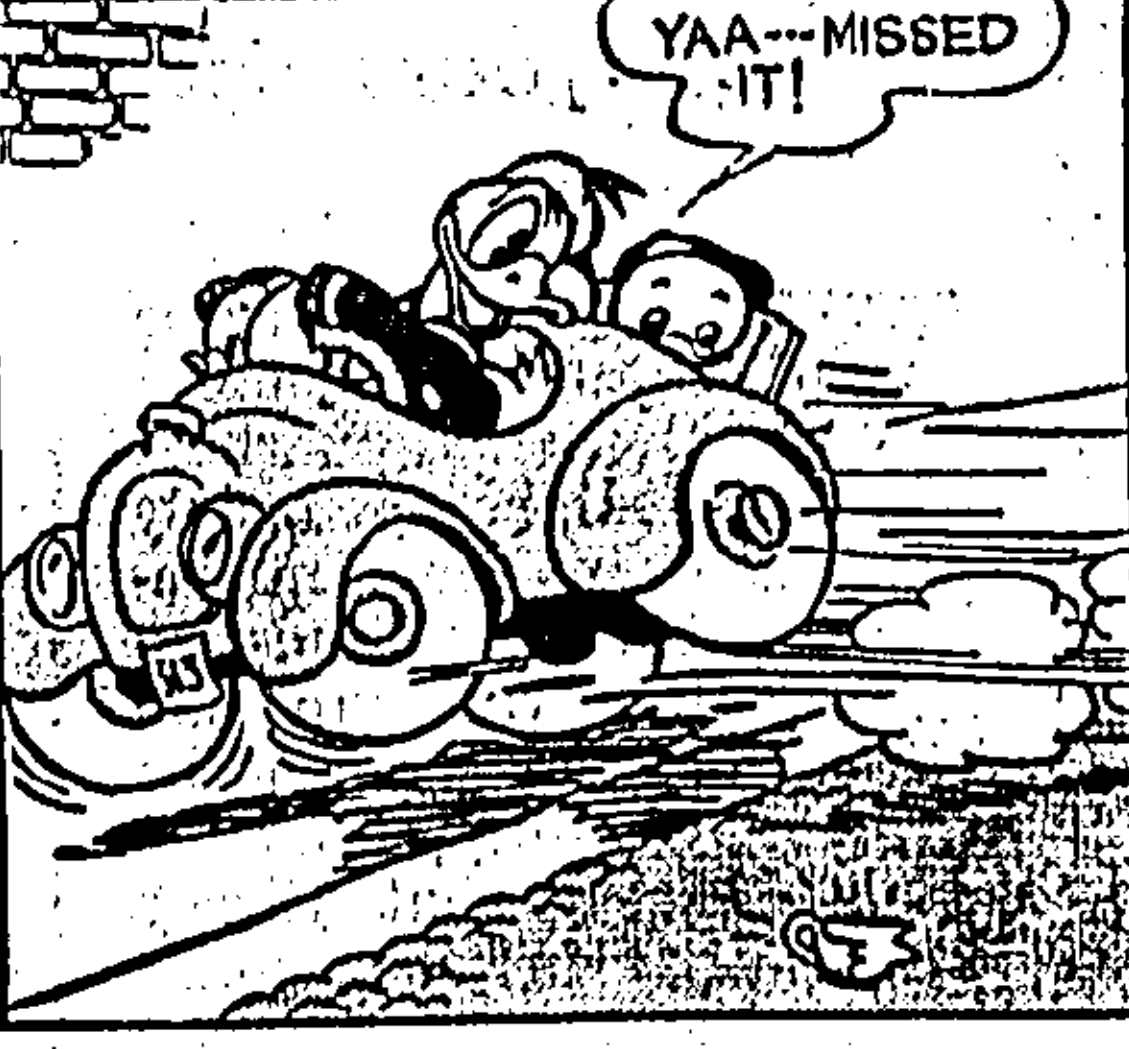
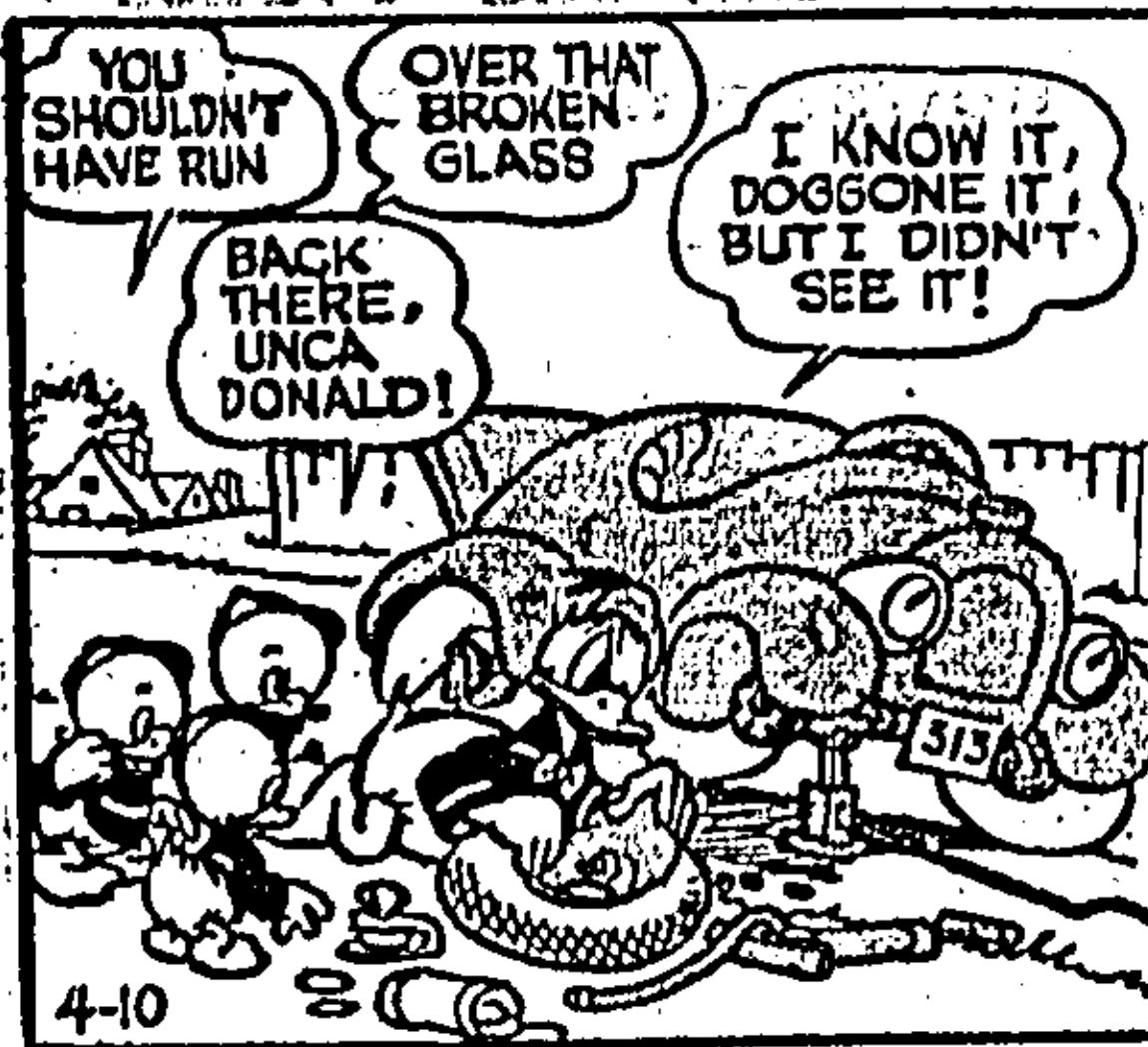
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PLANNED DER TAG FOR 1948

BRITAIN was to be German by 1948. The Nazis had a Ten-Year-Plan to "conquer" Europe. In 1937 they carefully mapped their timetable of systematic aggression.

An original of the secret map was discovered by the Czech police in a raid in 1938 on the Prague headquarters of Konrad Henlein, leader of the German Nazi Party in Czechoslovakia.

Although Henlein claimed to be loyal to the democratic Czech State, he was later revealed to have been in secret negotiation with Hitler, and is now a local Gauleiter.

A photographic copy of the brutally planned timetable was brought to London by one of the official British observers in the Sudetenland.

The Ministry of Information now issues this astounding map in the form of a bold, coloured poster. Thus are the Nazi war aims again strikingly demonstrated to the world.

For All To See

Here was the plan:—

Austria and Czechoslovakia were to be taken by 1938.

Poland and Hungary were to be annexed by 1939.

Rumania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria were to be conquered by 1940.

Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Ukraine and the North of France were to be under the Nazi yoke by 1941.

Before 1948, Hitler's hordes of grabbing gangsters were to have seized Scandinavia and Portugal.

Before 1948, also, the swastika would have fluttered from Britain's historic castles and the Union Jack would have been trampled beneath the heel of the Nazi jack-boot.

This is how the plan was to be carried out.

Copies of the mapped time-table were smuggled to Nazi party organisers in Austria, and later to German agents in Czechoslovakia.

Hitler's Double-Cross

These organisers and agents were to select their tools, explain the plan, and work up campaigns of fanatical disobedience to the Governments of their countries.

The cry of "German minorities are being oppressed" was to be encouraged, and the Fuehrer, father of Germans everywhere, was to march in to save them.

While Hitler was telling the world that the German Government wanted nothing but peaceful co-operation with neighbouring countries, while he was promising the Poles to respect their independence, provided they acquiesced in the "reaffirmation" of the Czech frontiers—confidential Nazi agents were already infiltrated into the scheme for the brutal annexation of Poland by September, 1939.

Ribbentrop's Mistake

Once the preliminaries of the plan had followed schedule, then the Greater Germany, enriched by its calculated plunder, would proceed to swallow its victims one by one.

Great Britain was apparently considered no obstacle to the plan; she was "a decadent democracy," "effete"; she was "too weak."

When Ribbentrop told Hitler that Britain was unprepared and would not fight for the freedom of the small nations and the freedom to order her own life, that miscalculation was the nail in the coffin of Hitler's Ten-Year-Plan. Gallant Poland was cruelly raped, but the plan has been halted.

With the stand against him by Britain and France, Hitler's war has been altered in schedule.

SUFFICIENT FOOD

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, when speaking at a meeting of the Food Manufacturers Federation here to-day, said that there were sufficient food supplies in this country to keep us going during the war.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	3/4 5
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T.T. Japan	8 1/2
T.T. India	8 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	19 1/2
T.T. Manila	30 1/2
T.T. Batavia	14 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	10 3/4
T.T. Saigon	10 3/4
T.T. France	10 3/4
T.T. Switzerland	8 1/2
T.T. Australia	10 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	20 3/4
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	31 1/2

False Raid Warnings

Kentish Towns Alarmed Yesterday Evening

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that an air raid warning was sounded in East Kent early this evening.

The streets in one town were quickly cleared by the Warden who were blowing whistles.

Several R.A.F. machines were seen but, after 20 minutes, no enemy aircraft were sighted.

In another town in the east of Kent, the air raid warning was sounded about the same time.

Within a few minutes, about 30 R.A.F. fighter planes were in the air. There was no gun fire.

The Nazi Version

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A German High Command communiqué announces that there have been air attacks on Dunkirk and Dover.

Nothing is known of any attack on Dover here.

Enemy Over Channel

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A large number of planes, believed to be hostile, were seen over the Channel this evening.

People on the cliffs saw that they were engaged by anti-aircraft batteries, firing apparently from the French coast.

One machine is believed to have been brought down.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN NORWAY

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It is learned here that a small British force operating in the Mojon area in Norway recently engaged a great number of enemy forces.

Seventy Germans were killed before they withdrew. Only one British soldier was killed.

R. A. F. STRIKES BACK

By REUEL MOORE
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—A special force of Blenheim bombers from the Royal Air Force Coastal Command to-day attacked the headquarters of the German armoured division, advancing on the Channel ports.

"Close to a hundred high explosive bombs were dropped and most of them dropped well within the target area," an Air Ministry announcement said.

Revels of British bombers were kept up almost continuously and the assault caused damage and confusion over a wide area, the Air Ministry report added.

The Air Ministry denied the German claim to have bombed Dover.

However, the "alert" was sounded in east Kent early this evening and a dozen British pursuit planes took to the air.

It has been disclosed that one group of R.A.F. fighting planes on Wednesday brought down 27 German planes and probably rendered ten more unfit for action.

The R.A.F. also bombed the Sedan area and south Belgium, as well as German railways last night.

A single R.A.F. plane bombed the power station at Rothau, 10 miles southeast of Leipzig.

Two hospital ships arrived in England to-day.

The crews said German planes turned their machine guns on wounded soldiers and Belgian refugees at a French port.

'Fifth Column' In America

Roosevelt Takes The Necessary Action

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—The United States Attorney-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, made a statement to the Press to-day that President Roosevelt had prepared months ago to meet Fifth Column activities and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation were handling arrangements for the purpose.

Mr. Jackson's statement coincided with the action of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives in writing into the 1941 Relief Bill provision denying employment in the Works Progress Administration to Communists or members of the Nazi Bund organisations.

Goodwill Mission To Italy

ROME, May 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Naotake Sato, head of the Japanese Goodwill Mission to Italy, has handed Signor Mussolini a message from Admiral Yonai, the Japanese Premier.

The message states that in this grave hour for Europe, the Japanese nation recalls with deepest sympathy the friendship and noble efforts of Fascist Italy in the interests of international justice. Japan wishes these efforts the most complete success.

The message adds that the co-operation of the two countries constitutes "magnificent light in the darkness of world disorder."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The upper floors of the Hongkong Dispensary, Stanley Street, warehouse were destroyed by fire early this morning. The damage will not materially interfere with our local business. The Soda Water Factory and plant, an integral part of the manufacture of Aerated Waters commenced at 7 o'clock this morning as usual.

25 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1915.

A Reuter's message says that Italy has declared war on Austria.

According to a Paris communiqué, the enemy have made several attacks between the sea and Arona, which were repulsed with the heaviest losses.

During two further attacks at Neuville St. Vaast, the enemy momentarily gained a footing, but were driven out and left several prisoners. The Germans exploded several mines in the town and strong forces attempted to occupy the craters thus made; but our infantry threw them back on their original line under a storm of bombs and grenades, inflicting the heaviest losses. The enemy's defeat was complete.

Reuter's correspondent on the Italian frontier, in a message dated May 21, says the wave of patriotic enthusiasm is rising like a tide over the whole country. Nowhere have there been more inspiring manifestations than in the great northern towns. The appearance of Milan is most impressive. The whole male population is apparently in the streets and the air is vibrating with excitement, but no soldiers or police are necessary to keep order.

There are similar scenes at Turin, where the houses are beflagged. A crowd suddenly gathered to cheer the departure of a contingent of Bersaglieri for the front. At Venice the population waited in the historic square of St. Mark for the Patria's decision on the Extraordinary Powers Bill, and, when it was announced, the tricolour was hoisted on the historic flagpole amid delirious cheering. The natives of Trieste present were overwhelmed with demonstrations of affection. Telegrams are being received in Rome from the Italian Colonies throughout the world—intimating that thousands of Italians are ready to answer the call to mobilise. Thousands more are ready to volunteer for service.

According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent an official German Note says that Italy, by her provocative attack on Austria has also broken off her alliance with Germany. The Austro-German Alliance, welded by comradeship in arms, remains uninjured by Italy's desertion to the enemy.

The German Ambassador has been ordered to leave Rome with the Austrian Ambassador.

The Italian declaration of war presented to Vienna recalls Italy's denunciation of the Triple Alliance following Austria's violation of the Alliance. It says that Italy cannot fall in her duty to take against every existing and future menace, the necessary measures for the fulfilment of the national aspirations. She therefore considers herself in a state of war from May 24.

10 YEARS AGO

London, May 24, 1930.

Major C. R. Attlee, who was a member of the Simon Commission, has been appointed to succeed Sir Oswald Mosley as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

To-day is Empire day, and, in accordance with custom, the occasion is marked by a service at the St. John's and Catholic Cathedrals, these being largely attended by pupils of various schools.

Miss Army Johnson left Atambua to-day at dawn for the Netherlands.

5 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1935.

The Italo-Abyssinian situation has reached a deadlock, Italian Prime Minister, Signor Mussolini, Italian Prime Minister, has rejected the mediatory proposals.

EX-KAISER SAID AT POTSDAM

MADRID, May 23 (Reuter).—German circles here declare that the ex-Kaiser has arrived at Potsdam, where he is said to be receiving every attention.

Solidarity Of Empire

Praised By British Provincial Press

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Dealing with the latest reports of help from all parts of the Commonwealth, the "Manchester Guardian" calls it a quickening of the Empire's pulse.

It is as important as men and munitions, says the paper.

The Allies will have to rely more and more on their Empire for their food and raw materials.

Loyalty Confirmed

The "Yorkshire Post" says that if Hitler had hoped that in a supreme emergency the British Empire would crumble, he had the answer when the war broke out.

The latest reports confirm that the loyalty of the Empire, coupled with more practical help and the fact that the Empire is more united than ever, has put an end to the Nazi hopes of conquest.

LUSAKA, May 23 (Reuter).—The Government and people of northern Rhodesia will increase their war contribution by £200,000. This sum is four times greater than that agreed upon for military expenditure.

It has been gratefully received by the Colonial Office.

Fanling Starting Times

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0.24	T. Menarry, J. W. Mayhew.
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0.32	E. Dovey, J. B. Trevor.
0.36	A. N. & Q. A. Macfadyen.
0.40	J. A. D. Morrison, E. P. Streatfield.
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0.56	F. A. Redmond, R. G. Parker.
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1.08	A. Sommerfeldt, K. S. Morrison.
1.12	G. C. Worrall, J. S. Gear.
1.16	G. M. Park, R. Young.
1.20	J. C. C. Matthews, R. J. K. Thompson.

NEW COURSE

0.22 W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.

PIONEER CORPS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The mayors of boroughs all over Britain are busy raising local companies of the Pioneer Corps.

The response has been very good. Several companies will be formed within a few days.

Air Defence Department

Canada Quickens Her War Time Effort

OTTAWA, May 23 (Reuter).—Both the House of Commons and the Senate have passed a Government Bill setting up a new Air Defence department.

Mr. Charles G. Power will direct air force activity and will also have jurisdiction over the Commonwealth Air Training scheme.

He pledges himself and his associates to produce results as quickly as possible.

Canada's heavy industries, ship builders and plane manufacturers are complying with the Government's request to speed up the output by working night and day, including Sundays and holidays.

The Canadian air fields are scenes of intense activity as thousands of young men from all over the Empire are gathering there for training.

ST. ANDREW'S PICNIC

The date of the opening of the St. Andrew's Club bathing picnics has been postponed, and instead of starting to-morrow, as members had been notified, the first picnic will not be held until June 1, leaving Kowloon pier at 3 p.m.

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Britain's No. 1 Fascist Arrested

Mosley And Other Leaders Held

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Sir Oswald Mosley and other leading members of the British Union Fascists have been arrested to-day.

Others arrested were Mr. Raven Thomson, Mr. Francis Hawkins, Mr. F. E. Burdett, Captain U. A. Hick, Mr. C. F. Watts Mackenzie, Mr. G. Bruning and Mrs. Dacre Fox.

Mr. John Beckett, formerly a member of the House of Commons and Secretary of the British Peoples Party, has also been arrested.

Headquarters Raided
Special Branch officers took complete possession of the Union headquarters and questioned everyone approaching the building, examining all papers and documents found in desks and cabinets as well as the filing systems.

Interment Of Aliens
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The subject of the interment of enemy aliens was again raised during question-time in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir John Anderson said that up to now it had not been felt necessary to order the wholesale interment of female enemy aliens.

However, he said that they had not hesitated to intern individual German and Austrian women where there were grounds of suspecting their attitude.

Dealing with the subject of members of the I.R.A., Sir John Anderson said that, in addition to a large number who had been convicted and were serving large sentences, orders had also been given for the expulsion of 107 persons.

Full use would continue to be made of powers for the prevention of violence by a temporary act.

Detaining British Subjects
As regards other British subjects, the new Defence Regulations enabled him to order the detention of members of organisations which had association with the enemy or were subject to foreign influence or control and which may be used for purposes prejudicial to national security.

"Under these new powers," he said, "I gave instructions last night for the detention of a number of persons whose names will be made known as soon as the orders are carried out."

"This action has been taken because of the danger that the organisation of which the persons concerned were leading members, might be used in execution of acts which might be prejudicial to the security of the state."

"They are not being detained on account of any opinion held or expressed by them or on account of their propagandist activities."

"It must not be assumed that the action taken this morning under these new powers represents finality."

"Further action must and will be taken as the circumstances arise."

Police To Be Armed
Sir John Anderson also announced that special steps had been taken to increase the arms available for use by the police.

While there was no intention to turn the police into a combatant force it was desirable that many of them should be armed for protection and for purposes connected with their duties to guard certain places.

Sir John Anderson was asked whether, for the purposes of home security and having regard to what had happened in certain neutral countries, it had now been decided to ban all Communist and Fascist societies and, if necessary, to intern their members.

This and other similar matters, said the Home Secretary, were receiving the attention due to them in the present circumstances.

However, he said that it would be contrary to public interest to announce before hand the steps which were being taken to deal with any person whose activities were calculated at any time to impede the national war effort.

Captain Ramsay
In the course of supplementary questions, reference was made to the detention of Captain Archibald Ramsay.

Sir John Anderson said that Captain Ramsay was taken into detention under a specific regulation as it was stopped before last night's amendment.

Mr. James Minton: Then Captain Ramsay won't be tried or charged with any specific offence?

Sir John Anderson: This is precautionary. Captain Ramsay will have the right to make representations to an Advisory Committee.

Captain Ramsay has been a Conservative Member since 1931. He was in India he was formerly in the Goldstream Guards. He was wounded in France during the last war.

Captain Ramsay's father was a Lieutenant Colonel.

Names To Be Released
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day, the Duke of Devonshire stated that a considerable number of persons of British nationality were arrested this morning.

Some of the names had already been made known and the list would be published as soon as the round-up had been completed.

These people had been arrested not because of the views they hold but

AIMS FOR INDIA

Free And Equal Place In The Commonwealth

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—"Attainment by India of a free and equal partnership in the British Commonwealth is the goal of our policy," declared Mr. L. S. Amery, the Secretary for India, replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day.

"We recognise that it is for the Indians themselves to play a vital part in devising the form of constitution best adapted to India's conditions and India's outlook."

"The promise already given that the present scheme of the Act of 1935 and the policy and plans on which it is based are to be open to re-examination at the end of the war necessarily implies discussion and negotiation, and not dictation."

Present Difficulty
"We have no desire to delay any of the steps that may pave the way towards an agreed settlement that will take account of the legitimate claims of all communities' interests. On the contrary, we have been and are only too anxious to make our contribution towards such a settlement."

"The difficulty at this moment lies in the acute cleavage of opinion in India affecting issues fundamental to the character and future of the constitution and even to the approach to the problem. I refuse to regard the cleavage as unbridgeable. I cannot think that it is beyond the resources of Indian statesmanship to find, at any rate, such provisional accommodation as would admit the resumption of office with general consent by the Ministers of the provinces and appointment to the Governor-General's Executive Council of representatives and public men on the basis already offered."

Provisional Solution
"I believe that such a provisional solution to the present deadlock would be eagerly welcomed by an overwhelming body of Indian public opinion."

"India, from the outset of the war, made manifest her sympathy and support for the Allied cause and is the sincere and earnest hope of the British Government that in the situation which faces the whole civilised world to-day, the existing differences may be put aside, and that the leaders of the great political parties in India will come together in agreement in support of the common effort."

N. Zealand's War Effort

Voluntary Recruiting A Huge Success

WELLINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—Broadcasting to-day, the Prime Minister declared that the voluntary system of recruiting has been an unqualified success.

Military training facilities, he said, were more than fully taxed.

Over 40,000 Enlist
Over 40,000 had enlisted for overseas service and many had already been sent abroad.

Despite the withdrawal of men for military purposes, production had increased.

New Zealand had completely fulfilled her unqualified assurance to do everything possible in the Allied cause and would continue to do so.

Speed Up In Canada
OTTAWA, May 23 (Reuter).—The Government has requested heavy industry to accelerate their war production by working in day and night shifts. The firms have also been requested to work during Sundays and holidays.

3,000 Flyers A Year
WELLINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—New Zealand intends to contribute nearly 3,000 pilots and gunners to the Empire Air Training scheme each year.

This will be in addition to the land forces which she is contributing.

In a broadcast, the Governor General emphasised that every effort must be made to achieve the maximum output of agricultural production.

FRENCH NAVAL LOSSES

Description Of Sunk Warships

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In connection with the losses of the French destroyer La Droit, the submarine Doris, and the supply ship Le Niger, more information about these vessels is now available in London.

La Droit was a destroyer of 1,400 tons with a normal complement of 142. She was completed in 1928 and was one of 59 in the French Navy at the beginning of the war.

The submarine Doris had a surface displacement of 850 tons and a complement of 40. She was launched in 1927 and was one of 78 completed when war broke out.

The supply ship Le Niger was a vessel of 9,000 tons.

because their organisations might be used for the execution of acts prejudicial to the State.

Mosley's House Searched
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Sir Oswald Mosley's home at Denham, Buckinghamshire, was searched to-night by the Police.

EMPIRE DAY

Schoolchildren At Services In H.K.

"Our Holy Father the Pope has asked children to pray in a special way that the terrible days of war may be shortened," Father Gallagher S. J. told children at an Empire Day service at the Catholic Cathedral to-day.

"We must pray that the virtues of patience, humility, justice, consideration for others, and charity, which are so necessary for real peace, may grow in the hearts of men."

"All over the British Empire to-day millions of little ones are asking God that once again into this world may come the rule of justice and charity and, with it, peace."

It Must Be God's Peace
"You are here for the same purpose. You are praying with these countless others. They are asking God with all their hearts and souls that peace may come because they have fathers and brothers in the fighting and do not know when the news of death may come."

An Inspiring Example
"But it must be God's peace if the world is to be really freed from the horrors which now hold it in their grip."

"Their Majesties the King and Queen give an inspiring example to all."

"In spite of the great worry which this terrible war is causing them, they are everyday fulfilling not only the great things which kings and queens must do, but those little things of which the world seems to know nothing."

"They are kind to others, helping them, giving them courage by their example, smiling bravely though their hearts must be very sad at the sufferings both of the soldiers on the battle-field and the families at home who have lost someone very dear to them."

"They also give us an example because they live in accordance with God's law, and because they recognise and acknowledge God's power. They pray to God and ask all their subjects to pray also that justice and right may rule and that lasting peace may come to a world torn by war."

"You, too, must pray every day for the same thing. God will hear your prayers and soon, please God, the world now so filled with war and pain."

The service, which was conducted by Bishop Valtorta, was attended by Catholic Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and pupils of Catholic schools.

Garrison Schools Observance
Talks on Empire Day were given by teachers and army chaplains at the garrison schools to-day. Pupils later attended the Cathedral services. The schools finished for the day at 11 a.m.

UNWEARYING EFFORT

Viscount Caldecote's Message To Dominions

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—"The fate of western civilisation under God is in the hands of the Allied people," said Viscount Caldecote, Secretary of the Dominions, in a message to the Dominions to-day.

"I would like to repeat that the importance of every effort to produce supplies was never greater," he continued.

"One aeroplane immediately is worth ten in six months' time. The path to victory must be trodden by unwearying effort on a scale never before attempted."

5,000 ALIENS INTERNED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons to-day the number of male aliens interned in pursuance of his recent direction.

Sir John replied that according to the latest available returns some 5,000 of these male aliens were interned.

Regarding other categories of aliens, Sir John said further measures were being taken, but he could not make the details known in advance.

ANGLO-SPAIN RELATIONS

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Government's declaration of neutrality made at the outbreak of war, and also more recent statements by the Spanish leader and in the Spanish Press, emphasizing Spain's desire to maintain neutrality. This desire is fully appreciated by H.M.G. who, for their part, have the firmest intention to respect Spanish neutrality so long as it is respected by others."

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day, the Royal Commission signified the Royal Assent to the Treachery Act and the National Service and Armed Forces Act.

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It is reported that Sir Samuel Hoare, the British statesman, may be sent to Madrid as special envoy or as Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Senate has approved the Navy Appropriations Bill. Under this Bill, the total funds available for the Navy amount to \$1,464,000,000.

GERMANS ENTER BOULOGNE

FROM PAGE ONE

taking place in and around Boulogne shows the suddenness and swiftness of the German thrust at the Channel ports.

No Immediate Danger
But though this constitutes a grave menace to the Allied line of communication, it is stated that these lines are, at the moment, in no immediate danger.

The strength or weakness of the whole position, from the Allied point of view, is the swiftness in which a counter-offensive on a scale sufficient for the purpose can be got under way.

In this both the British and French Armies have implicit faith in General Weyand.

In 1920, during the Russo-Polish war, he averted what seemed to be certain defeat for the Polish Army by turning away the Russians when they were actually at the gates of Warsaw by his brilliant strategy.

German Reports
BERLIN, May 23 (U.P.).—Military sources in Berlin claim that the Germans have advanced along the Channel coast to Boulogne "as the first step towards the actual destruction of the Allied armies in Belgium."

"German hopes that this factor will decide the war on the mainland and enable Germany to push the campaign against the British Isles."

"It is inevitable that a million French, British and Belgian troops will be annihilated or, will surrender, after which it will be an impossibility for the Allies to assemble another army in continental Europe," the Nazis claim.

"It will also be impossible for France to withdraw forces from the Maginot Line for the purpose of protecting Paris," the military sources declared and added that it is also impossible for France to utilise the troops now in Savoy because of Italy's attitude.

French Near Amiens
PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says:

"Many encounters took place at different points in the northern region. Our advanced elements reached the outskirts of Amiens."

Reuter Report
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister announced that German armoured forces had penetrated into the rear of the Allied armies in Belgium and that they are now attempting to derange communications.

Abbeville is now in enemy hands. Heavy fighting is proceeding in and around Boulogne.

This coastal fighting evidently carries with it implications of a serious character.

General Maxime Weyand, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied armies, is conducting operations involving all the Allied armies with a view to restoring and reconstituting their combined front.

GERMAN FORCES DISORGANISED

FROM PAGE ONE

North of Aachen, two other goods trains were hit.

Hague Aerodrome Hit
Returning from these raids, one aircraft saved its last bomb for a direct hit on the runway of The Hague aerodrome.

Another aircraft penetrated into Germany as far east as Leipzig and bombed an important power station near Rottah.

From these extensive night operations, all our aircraft returned.

Fighting aircraft were also extremely active in yesterday's operations, carrying out continual sorties over the battle front and had another successful day. In the course of many encounters, over 40 enemy aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged.

Six of our fighters are missing. During yesterday, Blenheim and Lyander aircraft continued to harass enemy movements in fighting areas in north-east France and Belgium.

Five of our aircraft failed to return. Operations continued throughout the day with undiminished intensity.

Enormous Nazi Losses
PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—Referring to the Germans' "formidable" losses in aircraft, a French military spokesman stated that 1,000 planes had been brought down on French soil alone.

REQUISITIONING IN S. AFRICA

Wide Powers In New War-Time Bill

PRETORIA, May 23 (Reuter).—Wider war-time requisitioning powers are granted to the Union Government by the new regulations under the Defence Act contained in a "Gazette Extraordinary."

Officers of the Defence Force and public service are authorized to take possession in time of war, buildings and other premises, supplies of food-stuffs, forage, horses and other transport animals, vehicles and all other articles which may be necessary to maintain in the field "the Defence Forces or any portion of them and all other of His Majesty's forces acting in co-operation with them."

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied affirmatively to a question whether he was taking immediate steps to improve British relations with Russia.

DEFENCE OF EIRE

Anxious Questions In House Of Commons

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The defence position of Eire was raised during question-time in the House of Commons to-day. The Prime Minister was asked whether he was satisfied that all necessary measures had been taken to prevent an invasion of this country by Germany through Eire.

He was also asked whether he had any information regarding the attitude which the Eire Government would adopt in the event of an invasion of southern Ireland by Germany.

Government Replies
Replying on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee said: "I feel sure the Government of Eire is alive to the possibilities as, of course, is the Government here."

"So far as the questions relate to our own defensive measures, members of the House will realise that I am not able to make any statement."

He was then asked whether, in view of the serious danger to the safety of this country, any definite arrangements had been made with the Government of Eire to meet any attempt at invasion through that country.

"Members will realise that there can be no question of this Government giving orders to the Government of Eire," replied Mr. Attlee. "But all proper consultations have been taken."

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1385 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) \$.....282 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) \$.....8 3/4 n.
Chartered \$.....30 3/4 n.
Mercantile \$.....12 3/4 n.
East Asia \$.....73 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....218 n.
Union \$.....455 n.
China Underwriters \$.....85 cts.
H.K. Fire \$.....170 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$.....120 n.
Steamboats \$.....11 n.
Indo-China P&S \$.....100 n.
Indo-China D.S. \$.....180 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....61/104 n.
Waterboats \$.....680 n.

DOCKERS

Wharves \$.....100 n.
Docks (c. rts.) \$.....21 n.
Docks (x. rts.) \$.....18 1/4 n.
Docks (rts.) \$.....6 s.
Providents \$.....4.05 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....23 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan \$.....18/6 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....9.85 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....6cts. n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....4.35 n.
Lands \$.....34 ss.
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....100 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....0 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$.....4.20 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....104 3/4 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....10 ss.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....14 n.
Star Ferries \$.....25.60 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....6.85 ss.
China Lights (old) \$.....4 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....59 1/2 n.
Macao Electric \$.....21.10 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....11 3/4 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....26 1/4 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....10.20 n.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) \$.....14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pre.) \$.....12 n.
Canton Iron \$.....1 n.
Cementa \$.....17 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....5 1/4 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$.....20 1/2 n.
Watsons \$.....8 1/4 n.
Lane Crawford \$.....2.60 n.
Sincere \$.....30 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....1.30 n.
Powell Ltd. \$.....32 n.
Ewo Sh. \$.....210 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....7 n.

BEWARE NAZI RADIO LIES

FROM PAGE ONE

has enabled Germany to apply, with renewed vigour, her well-known technique of spreading lies and rumours under neutral guise.

Thus Oslo Radio quotes Belgrade when recounting a fantastic tale that revolution is breaking out in France. Budapest quotes Copenhagen for a fairy story that the French are suing for a separate peace. Rome quotes Stockholm as authority for the fact that British troops are abandoning France and so forth.

All these allegedly neutral reports, in fact, emanate from German sources and are, without exception, false.

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SCRAP METAL DRIVE

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Old bandstands and park railings will be scrapped to provide hundreds of tons of scrap metal.

It is hoped that the example of the London County Council will be followed by all private owners of scrap metal.

Political Leaders Return To Norway

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that Professor Mohr, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, and Colonel Thungberg, the Norwegian Defence Minister, have returned to Norway.

They are now with the King and the Norwegian Government, helping to prosecute the war.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

SEASON'S LAST MEETING

Special Cash Sweep On The Lantao Handicap: D. Black Takes Jockey Honours For First Half Year

CHIEF INTEREST at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held tomorrow (saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.) will undoubtedly be centred in the Lantao Handicap for "C" class China ponies, for a big special dollar cash sweep is conducted on this event. A huge crowd will no doubt be turning up to witness the drawing of the special lottery and it is almost certain to be a bumper house.

Carpentaria H'cap

THE FIRST EVENT

Joust Between Sea Jay And Spring Shine

THE OPENING EVENT will be the Carpentaria Handicap for non-winning Australian subscription ponies of this season, and the run is over the mile.

With Australian Prince out of the race, Spring Shine should be in the limelight, but I am afraid the may and Sea Jay, a hard nut to crack. The latter, belonging to Mr. S. T. Williamson, has made six attempts to register a win for the owner, but has only achieved a second and three thirds, and a win is, therefore, due to Sea Jay.

I have not seen Princess Clara for a long time. In fact, her last public appearance was third in the Handwick Plate (first section) run on March 9. However, I am of the opinion that a pony, which has been on the walking list, should not be backed in his first outing.

Moreton Bay Handicap For "D" Aussies

IN THE MORETON BAY Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies over a mile, the post of honour has fallen upon Income Tax, who has been quite consistent for the third position in the frame in his last three outings. He was running against a better class of ponies, and with many of them out of the way Income Tax should present his card first to the judges.

Dick Turpin is nicely weighted, but somehow or other the Wong-Nai-Chong racecourse does not appeal to him. I do not suggest that a victory for the Stable (A.H.P.) is remote, but Dick Turpin's two successes in Fanning seemed to confirm what I have said.

Sea Urchin had a good chance of collecting third prize stake money in the Spencer Handicap at the Whitsun season, but with a jockey in the saddle who carried 15 lbs. extra, the opportunity was lost. Sea Urchin should get a place to-morrow.

As in the past there are numerous syndicates formed to have a "go" at the small fortune and as a result the sale of tickets has, up to time of writing, neared the 300,000 mark.

After the running of the Lantao Handicap, which is the last contest on the card, the Hongkong Jockey Club will close the curtain for the first half season and there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until September 21.

It is a recognised custom to turn all the Australian and China ponies to grass for a short spell every summer, and some owners have already made arrangements for their steeds to relax at Fanning and Macao. Our "dumb friends" have been racing without a break since February, and monotonous to many of them to see the same cinder track every day for the last six months.

D. BLACK'S SUCCESS

A MOST interesting feature of the Whitsun meeting was Mr. Black's fine riding with four wins to his credit and the result of this fine achievement has pushed him to the front rank. The Scotch rider is heading the list of jockeys with 15 successes, and he is followed by Messrs. Johnnie Hearne and Peter Wel, each having 12 victories. Messrs. L. B. Chao and H. C. Pih have 11 wins each.

Thus, excluding the Fanning and Macao races the baton for the first half season cannot be taken away from Mr. Donald Black.

There are nine handicap events, the majority being consolation races. The absence of several good ones and public favourites will not in any way lower the standard of racing, and one may look forward to a good day's sport with usual thrills.

Possible Should Win Yangtze H'cap

THE YANGTZE Handicap for non-winning China pony griffins of this season over a mile should be a tame affair and it will be a "walk over the course" for Possible.

This griffin should have won a race long ago, but I shall not be surprised to see the mare go down if the owner be up.

Eve of Dancing is good for big money and so is Attacking Time.

It is interesting to note that in 1938 the number of dollar tickets sold was 169,780, and in the following year the sale reached 197,000 tickets. Assuming the sale does not go beyond three lakhs, the first prize of \$127,680 is guaranteed by the Hongkong Jockey Club, while the second and third are \$36,480 and \$18,240 respectively. There are 33 entries for the Lantao Handicap and a drawer of a pony, whether it starts or not, will receive \$1,520.

Shing Mun H'cap

Avon Has Advantage Of Weight Opposition Expected From Rose Emily

THE SHING MUN Handicap for "B" class China ponies should produce a good fight between Avon and Rose Emily over six furlongs. If both can retain the same form when they clashed in the Hongham Bay Handicap (first section) at the Easter meet, my fancy is Avon, owned by Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, because this candidate has the advantage of the lead.

In that race however, Rose Emily (second) carrying 140 lbs. beat Avon with an impost of 145 lbs. by two lengths, whereas to-morrow, the latter is going out with the same poundage, but Rose Emily has to shoulder 154 lbs.

It was true that they met in subsequent outings, but on the strength of that particular running, braced with a third in the Lama Handicap, Avon must be considered. Conquering Time is dangerous.

The running of Galaxy, Lilliber and Red Feather has been somewhat disappointing, and I dare not venture to give them a place. It looks like all of them have too much racing.

HERVEY BAY H'CAP FOR AUSTRALIANS

Courting Eve May Be Too Heavily Handicapped

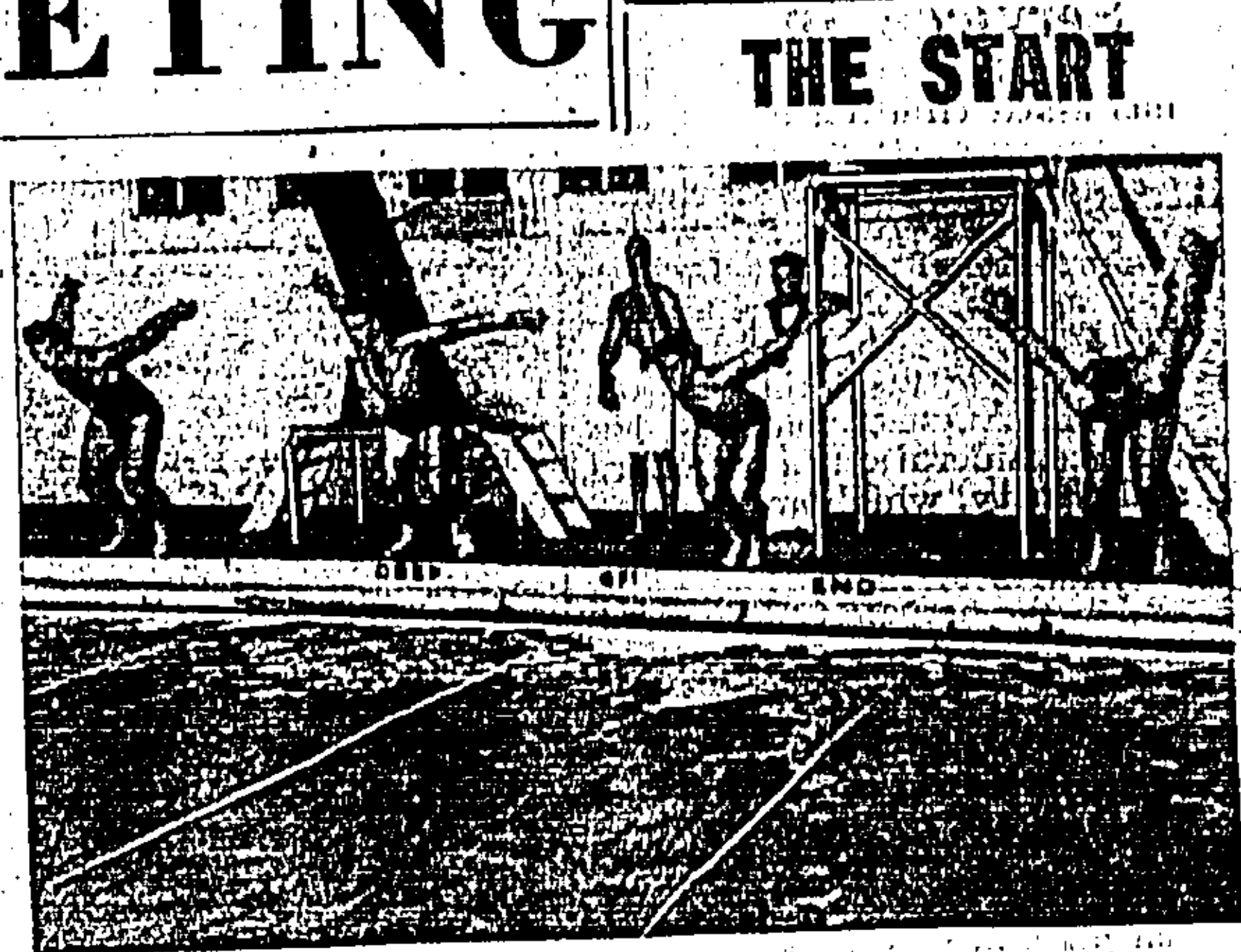
THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the Hervey Bay Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies, and it is a nice scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards). Anything may happen.

After her magnificent exhibition in the Sharks Bay Handicap at the last meeting, Courting Eve holds the post of honour with the limit top weight of 165 lbs., and the mare by Double Court is reputed to be the best sprinter over this jaunt.

Ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih the combination has had a few notable victories (all holders of six furlongs record), but "unfortunately" the mare will have another jockey in Mr. Y. T. Fung, and the change in the saddle is, of course, a matter of much consideration.

The new rider is light as a feather, and Mr. Fung has to carry over 60 odd pounds of dead weight, which Courting Eve has not been accustomed to shoulder. So good was her performance that the handicapper has stipulated a condition in the event of non-acceptance, all weight to be raised 5 lbs. This provision is to give all equal chances.

However, apart from Courting Eve, there are a few first class speedy merchants and the second highest in



G. Hume (Australians), A. Dodd ("Y"), A. Brierley (Australians) and L. A. Benn ("Y") at the start of the 50 yards breast stroke, during the Aussie-Y.M.C.A. swimming gala held at the "Y" last night—Ming Yuen.

Great Bight H'cap

A Great Time Or Pumpnickel

THERE ARE only nine entries for the Great Bight Handicap confined to "B" class Australian ponies, and the sprint is over six furlongs.

A Great Time was unlucky to finish among the "also rans", but with the adjustment of the poundage I expect to see her in the limelight. Pumpnickel has a bad habit of running out at the bend, and should be net to the contrary to-morrow, the bay gelding must win.

Derby Day is good for a third place, but be careful with Vixen Tor who may play a leading role.

THE LANTAO HANDICAP

Big Field Out Of Thirty-Three Entries

THE LANTAO HANDICAP for "C" class China ponies will bring the meeting to a close and the last event before the recess will undoubtedly make somebody happy on account of the first prize of the special dollar cash sweep.

A mixture of three sections of "C" class raters will fight the issue out, and the trip is from the two mile post, once round and in.

There are in all 33 entries, but a good lot is going out to make the field. Taking everything in the balance, Advancing Time is my favourite, with Eve of Reason and Rose-Queen to follow in the rear.

AUSSIE NAVAL RESERVES BEATEN AT SWIMMING

Enjoyable Gala Held At European Y.M.C.A.

(By "Tinker")

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVAL RESERVISTS, taxed by a small field for selection, were narrowly beaten by the European Y.M.C.A. in a swimming gala held at the "Y" last night. The "Y" triumphed by six points only despite the fact that several of the Australians had to swim in several events.

EASTERN F.C. DEPART BY CLIPPER

First Match Against Yco To-night

THE EASTERN football team left for Manila this morning by the Honolulu Clipper, and will play their first game there to-night against the champions, Yco, who defeated the tourists 1-0 in the last meeting. The match will be played at the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

The team that departed were: Taul Hung (manager), Chan Fook-yue (temporary Hon. Secretary), N. Z. Lee, Lee Kwok-wai, Kong Seng-keng, Woo Chi-ang, Hau King-sing, Tse Kam-hung, Lo Wai-kuen, Chung Yung-sam, Y. K. Hyui, Lee Tuk-kee, Cheung Kam-hoi, Chow Man-chi, Tso Chow-ting and Hau Ching-to. Tomorrow they will oppose La Salle, runners-up in the P.I. championship, and their final game will be on Sunday afternoon against All-Manila.

The team will then proceed to Singapore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, etc., and a three months' tour.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX SWAMP PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK, May 23 (UP).—Chicago White Sox swamped the Philadelphia Athletics by 15-4 in the American Baseball League 10-day.

The results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E.
New York	15	10	4
Philadelphia	4	10	4
Chicago	13	13	0
The Boston-Cleveland game was postponed.			
Washington	7	14	3
St. Louis	8	10	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
The Pittsburgh-Brooklyn game was postponed.

U.S.R.C. Win Women's Triangular Tourney

United Services Recreation Club won the annual triangular tennis series for women when they secured 65 points to Peak Club's 40, while Ladies Recreation Club were third with 27 points.

The Clubs were represented by the following teams:
U.S.R.C.—Miss A. Tylor, Mrs. P. Stone-

Finishes were close, especially in the 100 yards breast-stroke and 100 yards free-style. In the latter race, Geoffrey Arnold touched home just ahead of George Hume (Australians) in 66.4 secs, while in the breast-stroke, S. F. Newman (Australians) was just a touch ahead of B. S. Wilson after a neck-to-neck race throughout.

Times were only fair, though they were made in fresh water. The 100 yards medley relay was another exciting event. The Y. M. C. A. "A" team would have won by another touch, but Arnold left the side just before his team-mate had touched, and the team, therefore, was disqualified. The Australians "A" team took first place.

A. Dodd won the 50 yards breast-stroke in 34.6 secs. He, however, with the consent of the Australians, employed the banned "butterfly" stroke over the first 25 yards and gained the margin which gave him victory.

In order to give the Australian competitors time to rest, the diving exhibition was advanced in the programme. R. Johnstone and G. Saunders ("Y") were on the board, and their fine efforts were warmly applauded. Johnstone's best dive was his standing "Molberg", while Saunders' best was a forward one and a half somersault.

Following the gala, the visitors were entertained in the West Lounge.

The results were:
50 yards—J. G. T. May ("Y"), 2 F. A. Weiler (Australians), 3. H. L. Jordan (Australians). Time 34 2/5 secs.
100 yards—J. G. T. May ("Y"), 2 G. Hume (Australians), 3. S. F. Newman (Australians). Time 66 2/5 secs.
100 yards breast-stroke—S. F. Newman (Australians), 2. B. S. Wilson ("Y"), 3. F. Willis ("Y"). Time 77 4/5 secs.
50 yards breast-stroke—A. Dodd (Australians), 1. A. Benn (Australians), 2. A. Brierley (Australians). Time 34 2/5 secs.
150 yards medley relay—A. Dodd (Australians), 1. A. Benn and G. Arnold (Australians) disqualified. Time 1:41 4/5 secs.
300 yards freestyle relay (25, 50, 75, 75, 50, 25)—"Y" (J. Blythe, Y. A. Weiler, B. S. Wilson, G. T. May, A. Dodd and R. Goldman), 2. Australians (R. Johnstone, J. Dolan, R. Hack, F. Newman, A. Claxton, and G. Hume).

RACING AT HOME

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Running at events, King's Legend won the Payne Stakes to-day beating Lovely Trim (7/2) by one and a half lengths. Constitution II (20/1) was third eight lengths behind.

Eleven ran.
man, Miss J. Reeve and Miss M. Griffiths. L.H.C.—Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Church and Miss Burrell.

Peak Club—Mrs. L. H. Andrews, Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Campbell.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

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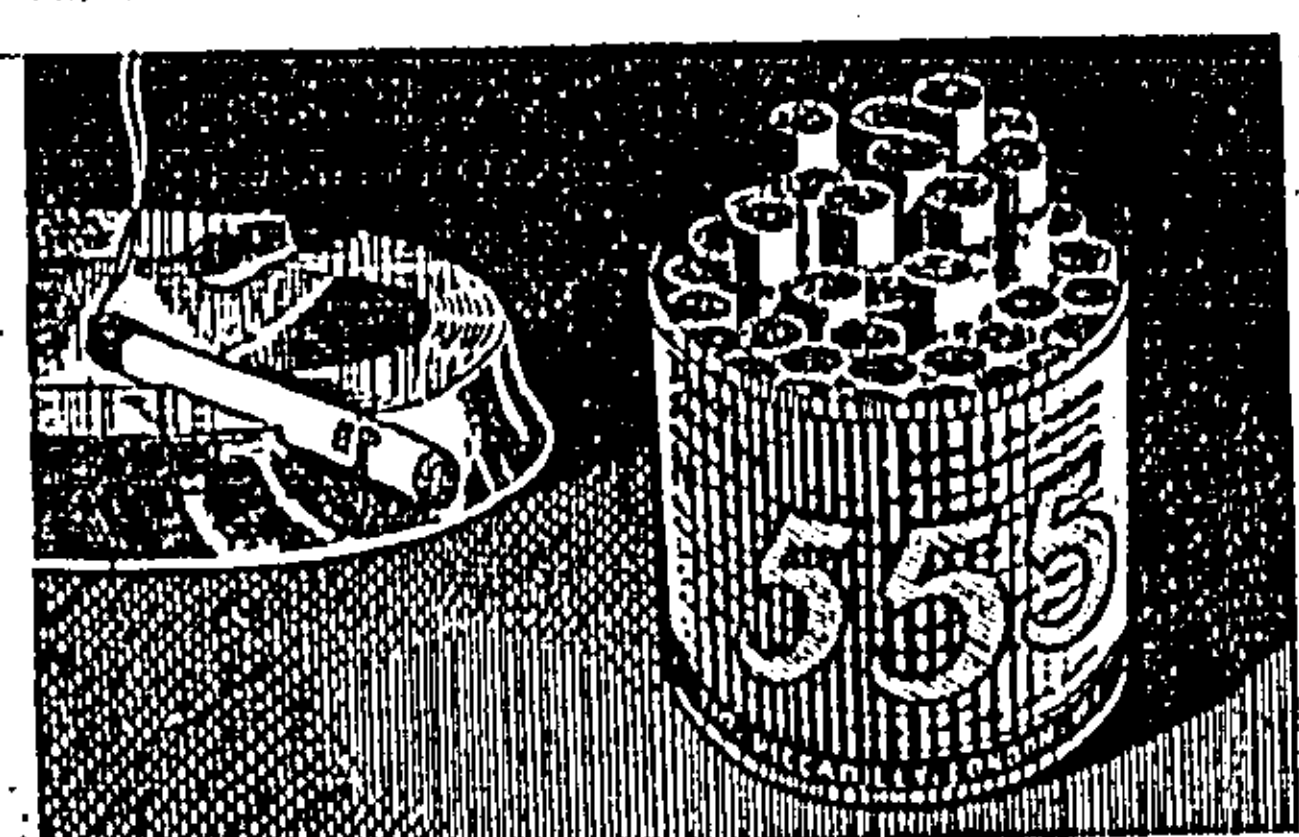
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Plea For Allies By U.S. Notability

TORONTO, May 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Daniel Roper, former United States Secretary of Commerce and former Minister to Canada, expressed dissatisfaction "with our American situation in respect of credits for the Allies," in a speech here.

Mr. Roper declared that supplies of all kinds should be conveyed to the Allies in every possible way by barter or other means.

Wants Acts Amended
Both the Neutrality Law and the Johnson Act should be amended to meet American responsibilities in respect of the present-day crisis.

All essential supplies should be exempted from the "Cash and Carry" restrictions.

Mr. Roper expressed the view that had the terms of the Versailles Treaty been less drastic and had the United States joined the League of Nations promptly, they would never have heard of Hitler.

Another Appeal For Allies
WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—Senator Claude Pepper, in the Senate to-day, urged the United States to "turn the scale of battle in favour of the Allies by sending goods, money and aeroplanes immediately."

Senator Pepper also proposed that the United States should "tell Hitler that we are his eternal immortal enemies and that we will that he shall be destroyed as a political force."

He added: "If we are going to sit here day after day and content ourselves with only trying to build some protection around our country and perhaps around the Western Hemisphere, we will have committed one of the greatest tragedies in history."

ANOTHER NAZI LIE NAILED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A categorical denial was given in authoritative circles to the rumour that Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, has broken down and has returned to England.

It is stated that this is clearly another example of the enemy's practice of endeavouring to undermine confidence and cause confusion by spreading false and fantastic rumours.

Stock Exchange's Improvement

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the favourable reception to the new Emergency Powers Act was reflected in a sharp improvement of gilt-edged holdings together with smaller improvements in other groups.

Although profit-taking, together with a natural reaction, caused a late reduction of the early gains, the final prices were still substantially higher on the day.

Wall Street was strong.

LATE NEWS

OVERLIN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP
NEW YORK, May 23 (UP).—Ken Overlin took the world's middleweight boxing championship from Cefarino Garcia on points over 15 rounds here to-day.

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Workers Welcome New Measure

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Fred Smith, Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Unions, expressed the Trade Union view when he says, apropos of the new Emergency regulation: "If it is designed to get the maximum effort out of everybody, I am whole-heartedly in favour of it."

Franco Impressed
PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—The action of the British Parliament in passing the new Emergency Bill is regarded in France as one more proof of British unity and determination to fight to the end.

U.S. MINISTER RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Mr. James Cromwell, U.S. Minister to Canada.

(Some months ago, Mr. Cromwell in a speech in Canada condemned Nazi aggression and brought on a series of senatorial denunciations. However, he said he was prepared to place his head on the diplomatic block on the strength of that speech. He was subsequently rebuked by the State Department and asked to be more discreet in future. Recently he announced his intention to resign from his post and to run for Senator for New Jersey.)

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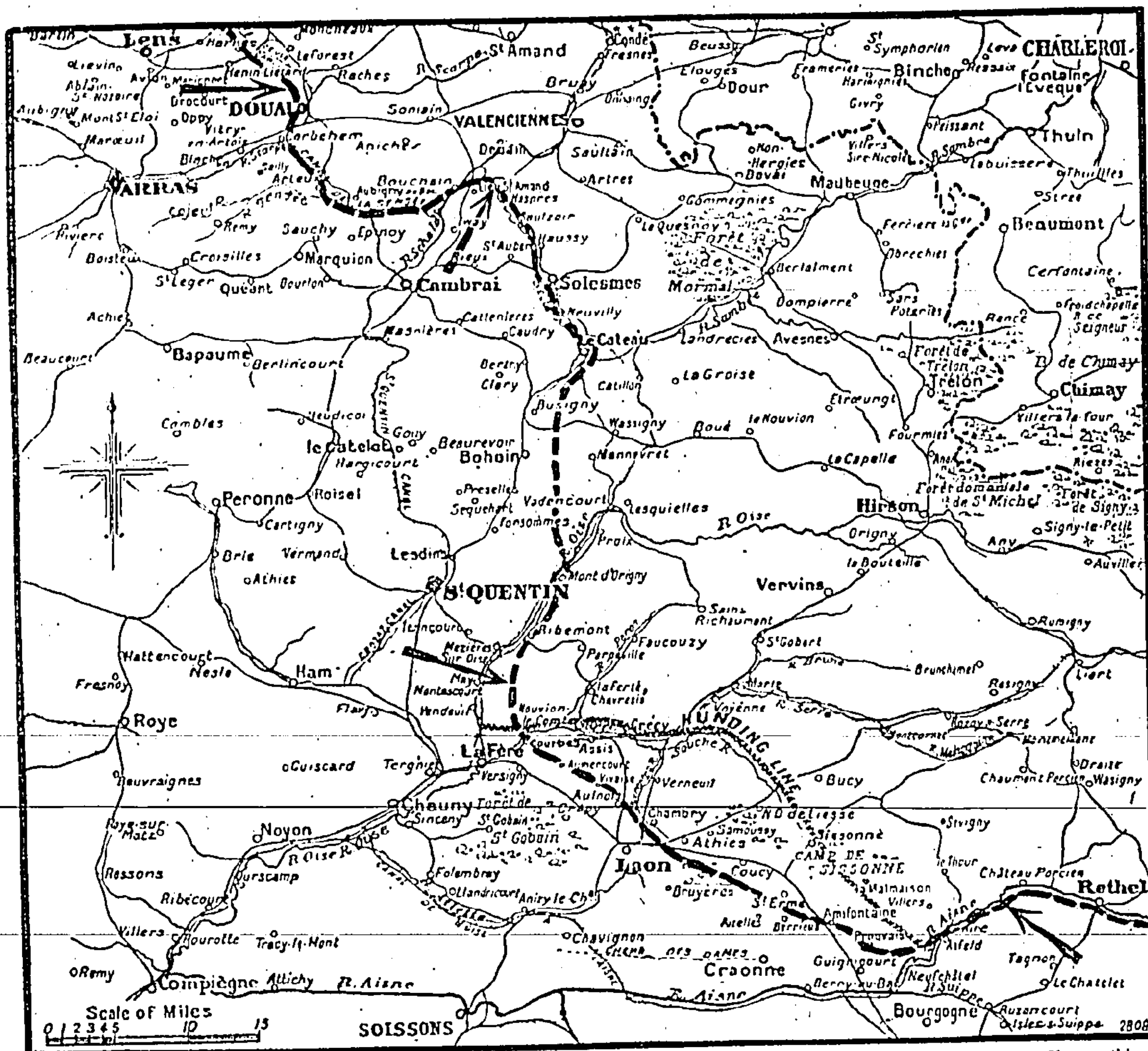
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24 HOURS CONTINUOUS SHELLING AS PRELUDE TO BIG ALLIED DRIVE

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 24 (UP).—THE CONSOLIDATED BELGIAN, BRITISH, FRENCH AND DUTCH ARMIES IN THE NORTH FOUGHT THEIR WAY CLOSER TO THE FLOWER OF THE FRENCH ARMY OF THE CENTRE TO-DAY IN THE BATTLE OF FRENCH FLANDERS AS GENERAL WEYGAND'S FIRST STRATEGIC MOVE GOT WELL UNDER WAY.

As Hitler's main army is still held practically motionless behind the Sambre and Aisne Rivers, the mobile Panzer Divisions which wrought so much damage when they broke through the French lines at the start of the Blitzkrieg were threatened with circumvallation and consequent annihilation—a danger that has been ever-present and appearing nearer to-day to fruition.

CHAOTIC MESS

Actually, the main German Blitzkrieg may already be said to have failed. The only noteworthy advances by the Germans during the past 72 hours have been secured by their mobile detachments, which have been able to break through the Allied wall of steel and those operating behind the front lines.

The main German line is in an almost chaotic mess as a result of the remarkable operations carried out by the Allied air forces, particularly by the Royal Air Force, which appear to have disorganised completely the German lines of communications to the rear from the Sambre and Aisne fronts.

These Allied machines have been rampant without halt since the Blitzkrieg started, despite the fatigue of the fliers and the wear and tear of planes.

They have continued night and day to harass the German lines of communications, which gnarled last night to such an extent that there is virtually no possibility of the Germans being able to move either backwards or forwards on the many secondary roads through the hilly and wooded Ardennes.

Big "Rabbit Hunt"

Germany's advanced motorised forces—chiefly motor cyclists in small groups of between ten and fifty men supported by two or three small tanks or armoured cars equipped with machine-guns—continue to work their way through towards the coast, but they are continually hunted down in a gigantic rabbit hunt by French motorised units.

As they meet at road junctions or wherever the French have set ambushes—and there may be thousands of such traps now—there is always a piled battle. As a result, French G.I.s contend this morning that the actual number of German mobile troops operating behind the front lines or in the coastal area has been very seriously depleted.

Following The Somme

But the Germans continue to swarm through the lowlands of the Somme Valley—the line they are following to the sea—and their entire operation yesterday clearly pointed towards the north-west.

By this operation the German General Staff probably hopes to effect—at least on paper, anyway—the complete "encirclement" of the Allied armies of the north. In reality, however, this handful of German advance troops is outnumbered thousands to one by the great mass of Allied troops operating north and south of the thin Nazi columns.

The French military analyst told me last night: "These German advance elements are destined to be destroyed, just as were the notorious Ullrich cavalry patrols who pushed PLEASE Turn To Page 2."

GERMAN THRUST REPULSED

PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—A German thrust in Belgium has been repulsed. Nazi troops earlier to-day were reported to have crossed the Scheldt near Aunouville, but they were thrown back shortly afterwards, according to semi-official Belgian reports received in Paris to-night.

Military sources state that a German infantry attack was launched this afternoon at Attigny, which is between Sedan and Reims in France.

French Initiative

There was violent fighting throughout the day in the region of Valenciennes, Cambrai and Arras, where the Allied forces are reported to be offering a serious menace to the German tanks. The French took the initiative on this front to-day and they also attacked hotly and with some success in the Somme area.

According to Paris military circles, the position this afternoon was as follows:

Latest Position

In the north, the powerful Allied force holds a solid, continuous and organised front from the north of Bapaume, along the Scheldt to Valenciennes, and starting again at Cambrai and extending to Arras and the region south of Arras.

A large KPM passenger ship which arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday from Juvisy port, bound for Shanghai, is still in port, although scheduled to leave on Thursday. An order was received from Batavia on Wednesday night, postponing the departure of the ship until to-day. A later order postpones departure indefinitely. Fifteen through passengers and 15 who embarked in Hongkong for Shanghai disembarked this afternoon. About 75 Second Class and 350 deck passengers are still aboard. No reason has been given for the delay of the vessel.

Supreme Council To Meet In Rome

IL DUCE CALLS HIS HENCHMEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 24 (Domei).—Mussolini announced to-day that he has summoned a conference of the Supreme Defence Council to discuss important matters now facing Italy.

It is understood that all Italian Ministers, Marshal Badoglio and many other leading army and navy officers will attend the conference.

CEASE SAILING ORDER

Rome Suspends Italian Service To Orient

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, May 24 (UP).—

Fresh indications that Italy is contemplating entry into the European conflict are seen in the announcement made this morning by the local office of Lloyd Triestino, that "until further notice, departures of express liners from Trieste have been suspended."

The Shanghai office declared that a cable to this effect has been received from Rome.

Conte Verde At Colombo

Officials stated that the Conte Verde, which is en route to the Far East, is expected to reach Colombo to-day.

However, they could give no indication whether the vessel would PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY

ENTEBBE, (Port Alice), May 23 (Reuter).—Telegrams have been exchanged between the Governor of Uganda and the Governor-General of the Belgian Congo.

The telegrams confirm their confidence in the ultimate victory. They promise to help each other where necessary and to place all their resources at the service of the common cause.

Hitlerism Descends To New Depths Of Bestiality

GERMANS' TERRIBLE FLAME WEAPON

By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, May 21 (UP).—The newest and most terrible of all modern war weapons—flame-throwing tanks operated by specialists in asbestos suits—have made their appearance on the western front, as the Germans attempted to send aid to their sorely-battered Panzer divisions.

These new flame-throwers, which appear destined to be used for the wholesale destruction of towns and villages as well as for frontal attacks on fortified lines and encampments, represent the last word in the imagination of the military engineers who are attempting to keep a parallel between increased killing power and increased resistance of modern weapons.

Material v. Tactics

Many French military experts agree that material has surpassed tactics in modern warfare, and that armies are now obliged to find hasty palliatives to overcome the tremendous advance the engineers have given attacking armies in new equipment with which to kill and destroy efficiently, if not painlessly.

The German flame-throwing tanks are fast, light cars, very lightly armoured and protected by two machine guns and a 37 mm. gun.

The flame-thrower itself protrudes like a long gun barrel. The tank rolls up to a building and sets it afire by squirting flaming liquid petrol inside. Even if the building is fortified the tank can light its own way to the objective.

Rumbling down a street, the flame-thrower tanks set fire to every third building, on the principle that methodical destruction can be obtained by causing each flaming house to spread the fire to their immediate neighbours.

When these tanks attack a case-ment, they attempt to run right up to the stronghold in order to squirt liquid through the gun aperture, thus PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

LATEST

LONDON, May 24 (Reuter).—Refugees who reached England from the French coast were eye-witnesses of a thrilling air encounter yesterday. They saw a British fighter shoot down two German planes near the French coast. The 130 refugees on a small ship cheered the double success.

LONDON, May 24 (Reuter).—The amazing exploit of some members of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps (Labour Corps) in capturing two German tanks was revealed to-day. The tanks had arrived at a small French village near Arras and had been pulled up at a petrol station to refuel. The Pioneers, who had been working on the road, rush up and attacked the tanks with their picks and shovels. They first of all damaged the caterpillar tracks so that the tanks could not take off, and then disarmed the crews, who were taken prisoner.

OVERLIN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, May 23 (UP).—

Ken Overlin took the world's middleweight boxing championship from Cefterino Garcia on points over 15 rounds here to-day.

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—As national defence industries are going full-time duty all the time, the Ministry of Transport is arranging for additional transport on Sundays for tickets for workmen, artisans and labourers.

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Norway may be Nazi handicap

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WHATEVER the outcome of the Allies' withdrawal from the south of Norway, this must be regarded for the moment as an enemy victory, adding to German prestige, but it may prove to be a wasting asset.

It may turn out to have cost more than it was worth and may even, as Mr. Churchill suggested when Scandinavia was invaded, prove to be a fatal strategic mistake in the long run.

"A Liability"

Economically Norway, if the Nazis could hold it, will prove more of a liability than an asset because Norway is an importing and seafaring nation which, under German control, must be blockaded from the west and cut off from the world of which it formed a part and by which it was enabled to live to a high standard.

Military conquest will not yield a high dividend in the case of Norway. She imports foodstuffs and draws her livelihood largely from overseas trade.

Few countries are less suited to fit into the German economic scheme.

From Norway Germany may not about 1,000,000 tons of iron annually, wood and pulp, eggs and some cellulose, but to retain the country will have to send it supplies, including the food of which Germany is short.

It cannot, on the balance, help her economically.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 6th. June, 1940, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th. April, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 29th. day of May, to THURSDAY, the 6th. of June, 1940, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd. May, 1940.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. W. BROWN,

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1940.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shulpo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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The party were travelling out to a yacht at the time of the incident, which was caused when the party suddenly moved to one side. They all swam ashore.

Kwok Sai, sampan mistress, her husband and two children, were rescued by nearby sampans, but her mother, Wong Shi, 69, was sent to the Queen Mary hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

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H.K. Banks (Low Reg.) £.82 n.	Union \$.....455 n.	Steamboats \$.....11 n.	Docks \$ (c. rts.).....21 n.	Knobs \$.....9.05 n.	Lands \$.....34 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £.92 n.	China Underwriters \$.....85 n.	Indo-China P.S. \$.....100 n.	Docks (x. rts.).....18 1/2 n.	17 K. Mines \$.....0.5 n.	Lands 4% Debentures.....100 n.
Chartered £.....8 1/2 n.	H.K. Fire \$.....170 n.	Indo-China D.S. \$.....60 n.	Providence \$.....4.05 n.		Shui Lands Sh. \$.....0 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....30 1/2 n.		Shell (Dealers) \$/-.....01/10 1/2 n.	Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....23 1/2 n.		
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Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n.	Canton Ices \$.....1 n.	Lane Crawford's \$.....8 1/2 n.		Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Star Ferries \$.....60 n.	Cementa \$.....1 n.	Macao Electric \$.....50 1/2 n.		Vibro Piling \$.....8 n.
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China Lights (old) \$.....0.85 sa.		H.K. Electric (new) \$.....4 1/4 n.		H.K. Govt. 4% Loan.....102 b.
China Lights (new) \$.....4 1/4 n.		Macao Electric \$.....21.10 n.		H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan.....97 n.
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WE MUST FACE THE FACTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 24 (UP).—"War has been brought with astonishing rapidity to our very gates," said Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, the new Minister of Information, in a speech at the St. George's Club to-day.

"We are in one of the most dangerous situations the country has ever faced," he added. "There is no good belittling or trying to minimise the situation, which would be the greater danger."

ALLIES ADVANCE

FROM PAGE ONE

their way far ahead of the German army in 1914.

Modern Uhlans

"The only thing that has changed is the type of instrument employed. In 1914 the Germans employed cavalry which reached almost to the gates of Paris."

"To-day, their horse has become a motor-cycle."

"These motor-cycle troops are merely the successors of the Uhlans." French official sources estimate that German losses so far in the Blitzkrieg operations exceed half a million men, of whom between 100,000 and 150,000 are estimated to have been killed.

Thirteen hundred German tanks and armoured cars have been destroyed, 1,200 German planes have been shot down on the Dutch, Belgian and French fronts in ten days, and German losses directly behind the zone armies have also been extremely heavy. French sources declare.

To-day's great battle, which raged on a front that extends along the entire Valenciennes-Cambrai-Arras triangle, is by far the heaviest the world has witnessed since the last war.

Marked Superiority

In this triangle, French and British artillery appear to have obtained marked superiority in the exchange of shelling, which has not been interrupted for a single minute during the past 24 hours.

Every road has been swept by shrapnel every forest and village which could give the Germans shelter has been razed by high explosive and every German column is subject to incessant bombing from the air by British and French planes.

Great as this cannonading and bombing is, it is but a preliminary phase in General Weygand's plan of operation.

Fall Of Cambrai Imminent?
By RALPH HEINZEN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

With the French Forces, May 24 (UP).—The Allies last night turned from strategic retreat to mass offensive as they slashed at the weakest link in the German ring around northern France and Belgium.

In the great battle which has raged for 48 hours in the Cambrai and Valenciennes sectors, military experts told me to-night that the Germans have at last cracked.

Allied forces have fought their way into the outskirts of Cambrai, plunging into the final assault with tanks and armoured cars.

Now the main thrust, French Belgian and Dutch troops whom the German claimed were "trapped" in the north are less than 30 miles away from the main French Army.

Between the two great Allied armies are the Germans, themselves in danger of encirclement if the present Allied manoeuvre succeeds.

French Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 23 (UP).—To-night's communiqué says: "Many combats took place at various points in north France."

"Our advanced elements reached the suburbs of Amiens. An enemy attack, which was preceded by strong artillery preparation, failed south of Sedan."

"There was an artillery duel between Longwyon and Moselle."

French Lines Broken

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Germans have broken through the French lines between Arras and Bapaume.

Bapaume is about 15 miles due south of Arras.

British troops are still holding their positions around Arras.

In connection with the Allied counter-attacks to-day, it is pointed out here that so far no counter-attack on a large scale has been launched.

A counter-attack is expected at any time now.

There have been intense artillery duels between Bethel and Montmedy and between Montmedy and the River Nied.

Attack Repulsed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 24 (Dome).—German forces operating in Belgium north of the British, French, Dutch and Belgian forces to-day launched a strong attack along the River Scheldt, which they attempted to cross at Outenarde, 12 miles southwest of Ghent.

Although the Germans succeeded in effecting a temporary footing they were quickly dislodged and forced back over the river by a strong Allied counter-attack.

Bitter fighting continues on the Arras front and heavy counter-attacks are now being launched by the Allied troops between Arras and Bapaume.

The French forces have now advanced to a point north-west of Cambrai, French G. H. Q. announces.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Silent interval in music score
- 2—Least of power
- 3—Official agreement
- 4—Warmed
- 5—Ladyship
- 6—Loose overcoat
- 7—German colliery
- 8—One of various birds
- 9—Implied by silence
- 10—Black
- 11—Examinations
- 12—Biblical name
- 13—South American bird
- 14—Biblical name
- 15—Unit of work
- 16—An American actress
- 17—Wildly wrong
- 18—Coating for photographic plate
- 19—Pertaining to child and fever
- 20—Periodic form of moon
- 21—Zoo of poem
- 22—Inject
- 23—Showiness of achievement
- 24—Armistice
- 25—Devourer
- 26—Convey messages
- 27—At no time
- 28—Deliberative
- 29—Target of bowlers
- 30—Barren
- 31—Striking with sudden force

DOWN

- 1—Genus of the blizzard
- 2—Prey; very much
- 3—State of mind (Scottish)
- 4—Doctrines
- 5—Reduced speed of
- 6—Altered to and fro
- 7—Kilometer unit
- 8—Age
- 9—Fragrant oil
- 10—One who deals with bloodstains
- 11—General killed by Indians in 1870
- 12—Device for removing moisture
- 13—Parting general
- 14—Trained platform
- 15—Rectitude of civil rights
- 16—Genus of the perch
- 17—Promissory notes
- 18—New Zealand
- 19—Polymer
- 20—Cry of incense
- 21—Ricky's abundance
- 22—Put into effect
- 23—Tibetan contents
- 24—Little mountain cry
- 25—Timid advertisement
- 26—Stakes light by fermentation
- 27—Injuring from horizontal
- 28—Rope for lashing sail corner to spar
- 29—Futuristic unit
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- 32—Ready for plucking
- 33—Phonetic tree
- 34—Wax head of
- 35—Stemum

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't contradict me, young man—I've been ailing for 20 years and ought to know what's wrong with me!"

3,000 Miles Of Frontier—And No Guns

IN these days of Marinet and Siegfried Lines it is refreshing to find a frontier over 3,000 miles long where there is not a single fort or gun-emplacment. The border between the U.S.A. and Canada is a monument to the compromise of two great democracies.

Extending from New Brunswick in the east to Vancouver in the west, the frontier runs along part of the St. Lawrence River, through all the great lakes, Lake Michigan, across the prairies, over the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada.

In many of the wilder sections not a strand of wire marks the line where Canadian soil ends and American begins. Although this great frontier is guarded by no military means, it is constantly patrolled. But the number of men engaged—3,000—can hardly be called excessive. Patrol is necessary to stop smuggling, and to prevent illegal entry. Neither the States nor Canada wants "undesirables" from the other side.

Like Season Tickets

So long as proper credentials are forthcoming and there are no suspicious circumstances, people have no trouble in passing from the U.S.A. to Canada and vice versa. In places hundreds of men cross the border daily to and from their work. The authorities provide them with passes available for so many days or weeks. The workers merely show these, like season ticket holders at a railway station. At Detroit thousands of Canadians who are engaged in the American automobile factories cross by means of the ferries.

At the time of the great depression many people tried to pass illegally from one side of the frontier to the other. Both to Canadians and Americans "the other side" looked more inviting than their own, and patrols adopted a special technique of questioning, which rarely failed to bowl out the illegal entrant.

A Canadian would claim to be an American, whereupon he would be asked some such questions as the name of the mayor of his native town. He might have fired at him the question, "Where did you buy that suit you're wearing?" If he replied "New York," the patrolman would throw back the collar

and look for the maker's name on the tag. A Canadian manufacturer's name would send the man packing.

Left On The Bridge

One of the places where men used to try to cross the frontier was the famous Peace Bridge over the Niagara River. Cases occurred where men were allowed to enter the Canadian end of the bridge on their statement that they were Americans returning to their own country, but having reached the American authorities at the other end, were refused permission to enter. Then, of course, they would not be allowed back into Canada and had to stay on the bridge. At one time men stayed on the bridge for several days, food being taken to them by friends.

Eventually the two authorities hit on the idea of tossing a coin for men whose antecedents could not be ascertained. "Heads he's ours; tails he's yours," the Canadians would say, and the man's nationality was decided accordingly.

Visitors travelling by train or in cars have no such unpleasant manoeuvres. The customs authorities are adept at examining cars, and run them over mirrors to see that no packages are hidden in the undercarriage. Such formalities as there are take place smoothly on the trains, especially those travelling from New York to Chicago by way of Niagara. In fact, most such trains are halted at a convenient spot so that tourists can view the Falls for fifteen minutes or so.

In the West there are places where ranches straddle the border and ranch hands may cross and recross a dozen times a day. In the Rockies and Sierras deep canyons and impenetrable gulches provide a natural barrier, and there are only border heights which have never been trod by any mountaineer, much less a patrolman.

From time to time the suggestion arises that Canada should be united to the U.S.A. Two years ago, for instance, a resolution to that effect was put forward in the United States House of Representatives. But both countries get on so well together and there is so little friction that such suggestions arouse hardly a flicker of interest on either side.

D. R. Fielding

ON PATROL IN A DESTROYER

By a British Naval Eyewitness AT SEA.

We slipped from our buoy and steamed out to sea for our night's patrol in the grey bleakness of the winter afternoon. Other destroyers went with us.

The wind raised a confused jumble of leaping white horses outside the harbour entrance. One felt the ship kick a little as she met the first of them.

For the next 18 hours, until we returned to harbour, she was never still.

Steaming at 20 knots, we passed a convoy of bluff-bowed merchant ships making up for their anchorage before dawn. On one of the shoals to starboard lay two broken-backed wrecks with the sea breaking over them, victims of U-boat, mines or torpedoes.

The first lieutenant, somewhere in the middle twenties, came climbing on to the bridge to report the ship darkened. Our depth charges were ready, our guns manned for instant action.

"Shall we have the torpedo tubes trained out now, sir?" the first lieutenant asked the commander. "Yes, Number One." The commander, a tall figure in a duffle coat and sea-boots with the inevitable glasses along round his neck, added urbanely, "Please do."

That's a way they have in the Navy.

ONCE out from the land, the wind grew stronger, and the sea more steep and confused, and because a strong tide and wind were running in opposite directions, whiffs of spray came sweeping over the bows, and on the open bridge it was bitterly cold.

The light of a twinkling buoy showed away in the darkness to port. The navigator, bending down to look along the compass, noted its bearing, and then dived down to crouch under the canvas cover of the chart table.

"We're on the position now, sir," came hisuffled voice after an interval. "The new course is oh-eight-four."

"All right," the commander replied. "Bring her round to oh-eight-four, Mr. Carver."

The officer put his mouth to the microphone communicating with the wheelhouse. "Starboard fifteen," he ordered. "Starboard fifteen it is, sir," from the quartermaster at the wheel. "Midships," after an interval. "Port ten—steady on oh-eight-four."

"Steady at oh-eight-four," came the voice of the quartermaster. "The darkness had become intense. Astern I could only see the black shapes of two of the destroyers following in our wake."

SEVERAL times during that long night I groped my way aft or forward along the darkened upper deck, picking my way by foot through the many encumbrances which threatened to throw me headlong.

Out on the bleak, windswept deck, the men at the guns, torpedo tubes and depth charges relieved each other at regular intervals.

Down below in the engine room and stokeholds they were lucky at least tolerably warm. On deck we were chilled to the very marrow. Was this adventure?

All through that night we steamed to and fro on a patrol line whose exact locality cannot be disclosed. We were listening for enemy submarines with that uncanny invention which has already been referred to by Mr. Winston Churchill as "producing the deadliest results," but we sighted, or located, no more than one neutral steamer showing her lights, and a buoy or two.

As the commander himself observed in the small hours of the morning, while sipping flaming cocoa in the chart-house, it was largely a matter of luck.

In any case, a good many thousands of miles must be steamed by many hunters for every U-boat that is attacked or sunk. It's just hard, gruelling work, a job that has to be done—and the Navy does it with calm efficiency.—N.A.A.

A Parable THE SEVEN HITLERS

By Walter Murdoch

"WELL," I SAID, "it's thirsty weather! What about another lager, Adolf?" Of course I admit that my little joke was in the worst of taste, seeing that the man I was talking to was obviously a German, and that he had a tiny moustache and a wisp of hair running down to the south-east of his forehead; but I had no malicious intention. He was a likeable chap, and I had no thought of insulting him; I was quite unprepared for the extraordinary effect of my poor little joke.

His face went suddenly as white as paper; for a moment he seemed to freeze with terror; then his eyes darted to all the points of the compass, in search of a possible eaves-dropper. Luckily we had the bar to ourselves, the landlord having gone out into the yard to feed his fowls. At last the man found his voice. "Hundred thousand devils," he said husily, "how did you find out?" "How did you know that I was Adolf Hitler?"

It was now my turn to be terrified, for the man was plainly a lunatic, with, for all I know, homicidal tendencies. I understand that in every asylum in the world there is at least one patient who believes himself to be Adolf Hitler; but to meet such a person at large in Dead Dingo Swamp was a staggering surprise. But I remembered that you should always agree with a lunatic, whatever his delusions may be, so I merely said soothingly, "Oh, I've seen lots of portraits of you in the papers."

He leaned toward me and said, almost in a whisper, "You may be right. Who can tell? Sometimes I think I am Hitler, and sometimes I think I am otherwise; I cannot be certain." This statement made me surer than ever that I was dealing with a madman. But he was sane enough to read my thoughts. "You think I am mad, my friend. Ach, but listen, and I shall explain. And he proceeded to make the following amazing statement, which I pass on to you for what it may be worth. I shall not set down the little bits of broken English or the queer idioms by which he betrayed his foreign origin.

"YOU have, of course, heard of Hitler's double. All the world understands that there is somebody, very like Hitler, who takes the Leader's place on various public occasions—especially on occasions when the police have given him leave to think otherwise; I incline to think that the man for the public, as usual, knows only half of the truth, or, to be more exact, one-sixth."

"It was in 1935 that Herr Hitler, after a very narrow escape from a bomb, saw the necessity of a double. A public proclamation was made, to the effect that a glorious service could be rendered to the improved Fatherland by anyone so divinely favoured as to possess a face and figure closely resembling those of the Fuehrer. If such a fortunate being existed, he was to present himself at a certain office in Munich at noon on the following Wednesday."

"Soon after dawn on the day appointed, the square outside the office was one of comparative calm. A mass of candidates, battling for a place near the office door. They all seemed to be intensely anxious to render a glorious service to the beloved Fatherland, a service to which, by the way, a handsome salary was attached. I tell you, it was an impressive sight, this large square full of Hitlerites; a sight which might well have struck terror into the hearts of our country's enemies. For three days and three nights a committee of expert Hitlerologists scrutinized applicants as if through a microscope, noting the minutest shades of difference. One was rejected because his eyelashes were too long, another because his thumbs were too broad, another because he looked too intelligent; small gestures, little tricks of speech, everything was taken into account. In the end, to cut a long story brief as you English say, six of us survived the ordeal; it was announced that Herr Hitler's mother would be at a loss to distinguish any of us six from her divinely-gifted offspring."

"How to choose between us was the difficulty, and when we were about to draw lots as the only possible solution of the problem, Adolf himself had an inspiration. He said that since six perfect copies of himself had been miraculously produced to Germany by the good German God, it would be a manifest impiety not to take advantage of the gift. And so, the whole six of us went off to Berchtesgaden to receive our training. It is still our headquarters, to which we repair for rest and refreshment when duty does not call us elsewhere. We are known to one another not by name, but number. I am Number Five—was, rather, till circumstances drove me to seek refuge in Australia."

"YOU will now understand, my dear sir—did I hear you men-

tion another lager?—you will now see why so many people say that Herr Hitler's character is an enigma. Naturally, since you have to deal not with one Hitler, but with seven. For example, innocent persons wonder how any one human being can break so many promises as our Adolf has broken in the last two years. Nobody could, of course; but Adolf Number One can make a promise which Adolf Number Two can break. It was Number Six, I remember rightly, who swore that he would never interfere with Austria, being quite unaware that Number Two was going to annex Austria on the following day. I myself had the honour of meeting your Herr Chamberlain at Munich last year. A very amiable and affable gentleman found him; quite Aryan, and almost Nordic; I had not the heart to refuse to promise anything he asked for, and even to sign a solemn compact with him. How was I to tell that, at the moment when I was laying my hand on my heart, and swearing to respect the independence of Czechoslovakia, Number Four was getting ready to march into that country? I trust you will see that there was no breach of faith here. One Hitler did what another Hitler had promised not to do. That was all."

"The arrangement is, I admit, puzzling for outsiders, who are never sure which of the seven is speaking. Each of us has his special job. Number One ramps and raves and screams for the benefit of the mob, which adores that kind of oratory; when an intelligent audience has to be addressed, Number Two, with his quiet and reasonable style, is the man for their money. Number Three is our pacifist on holiday just at present—who tells the world, quite honestly, that he desires peace at any price; while Number Four specialises in persuading the German people that peace degrades the soul of a nation and that in war lies the salvation of mankind. Herr Chamberlain and Herr Halifax have declared that in future they cannot trust a word Herr Hitler says. This is very unjust, as you now perceive. Which Herr Hitler do they mean?"

"THE arrangement has worked beautifully on the whole, but there is one awkward feature of it. It was impressed upon us at the start that to act a part really well one must think oneself into that part; the great actor really believes, for the time that he is the person he is imitating. The Fuehrer himself lectured us about this on our very first day at Berchtesgaden. 'You must drop your separate identities,' he told us; 'you are no longer Heinrich or Wilhelm or Hermann or Johann; you are all Adolf! Each of you must faithfully drill himself into the belief that he is in very truth Adolf Hitler. Only so will you be able to play the part convincingly, so that anyone who throws a bomb at you will feel certain that he is throwing a bomb at Me.' This was an unpleasant way of putting it, but we did as he commanded. We did it so thoroughly that soon none of us knew which of us was the real Adolf Hitler and which of us were consummate actors. That is what I meant by saying that I am in doubt about my own identity. Am I the original Adolf Hitler, or somebody else whose name I have forgotten? If the latter, is the original Adolf still alive or was he assassinated some years ago? You see, several of us have fallen victims to the intelligence of the German people; other doubles have had to be called in to fill the vacant places. It is all very confusing."

"BUT on the whole, as I say, the system works beautifully; and one result of it, which you may not have thought of, is that Hitler is immortal. You cannot kill him. When you kill one of the seven, another instantly steps into his place. If you had seen that crowded Munich square you would understand that Germany has an inexhaustible supply of Hitlerites—perhaps such perfect replicas as we six were, but near enough."

"And now you ask why I am here. Well, I shall tell you. It was I, Number Five, who so narrowly escaped that bomb in the beer hall at Munich the other day. (And talking about beer halls, another glass would do us no harm, yes?). It was too much for me. I lost my nerve. The Germans are a stout people, but they are also intelligent. There will be another bomb for me before long. I have a weak heart; this life is too dangerous for me. And so I blush to say, I forsook the Fatherland and escaped to the other end of the world. I, Adolf Hitler—or not, as the case may be—have come to Australia as a refugee. I have always been glad there were countries that were kind to refugees. Australia is such a country. All the same, I trust you not to betray my secret; for it is useless to pretend that I should be popular in Dead Dingo Swamp."



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NAZIS ENTER BOULOGNE AS GREAT BATTLE RAGES AROUND CITY OF CAMBRAI

By WALLACE CARROLL

"UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, MAY 24 (UP).—AS THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR WAS RAGING AROUND THE WAR-WRECKED CITY OF CAMBRAI, WHERE WINSTON CHURCHILL'S THEORY THAT A STRONGLY ARMOUR-CLAD MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH HE HAD DUBBED THE "TANK" WOULD SMASH THROUGH INFANTRY WAS PUT TO THE TEST FOR THE FIRST TIME 23 YEARS AGO, CHURCHILL AROSE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT TO TELL OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MASS USE OF THE WEAPON.

German armoured divisions, the Premier told the Commons, had smashed through to the Channel, FIGHTING IN BOULOGNE

Parts of the French Channel city of Boulogne, thirty miles across the Channel from Folkestone, have been occupied by these advance detachments.

Mr. Churchill's speech lasted only ten minutes, but it was forceful and made no attempt to hide the seriousness of the situation.

"German armoured forces which made their way through a breach in the French Army and penetrated to the rear of the Allied armies in Belgium are now attempting to derange our communications," he said.

"Abbeville is in enemy hands.

"Heavy fighting is now in progress in and around Boulogne.

SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS

"It is too early yet to say what the result of this coastal fighting may be, but it evidently carries with it implications of a serious character.

"Meanwhile, General Weygand, in Supreme Command, is conducting operations involving all the Allied armies, with a view to restoring and reconstituting their combined front."

NAZI CHAIN BROKEN?

What these operations are, Mr. Churchill did not say.

But Ralph Heinzen, the "United Press" correspondent who was with the British forces in Belgium and is now with the French G.H.Q., in France, has given an indication in his communique last night, in which he discloses that the Allied Forces have now turned from their strategical retreat to the south and have suddenly slashed at the weakest link in the German ring.

But with the Germans within artillery range of Folkestone and other towns on the English coast, informed quarters in London expect that the Allied counter-attack will take on an even more ferocious aspect.

The present Allied attack apparently aims at crushing both flanks of the German salient between the jaws of the Allies' nutcracker operating simultaneously from the north, the south and the east.

Informed quarters warn, however, that the public must not be unduly optimistic.

Must Not Under-rate German Strength

Operations on the scale now being undertaken will require several days before a decision can be reached, and it is emphasised that Germany's strength must not be under-rated.

Heavy fighting is continuing to-night in and around Boulogne and it is quite apparent that the small German mechanised units which have penetrated into the coastal city cannot hold out unless they are quickly reinforced by German infantry, an unlikely contingency in view of the big Allied attack now under way around Cambrai.

Analysis of Situation
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—That the present war situation is grave no one in authority here denies.

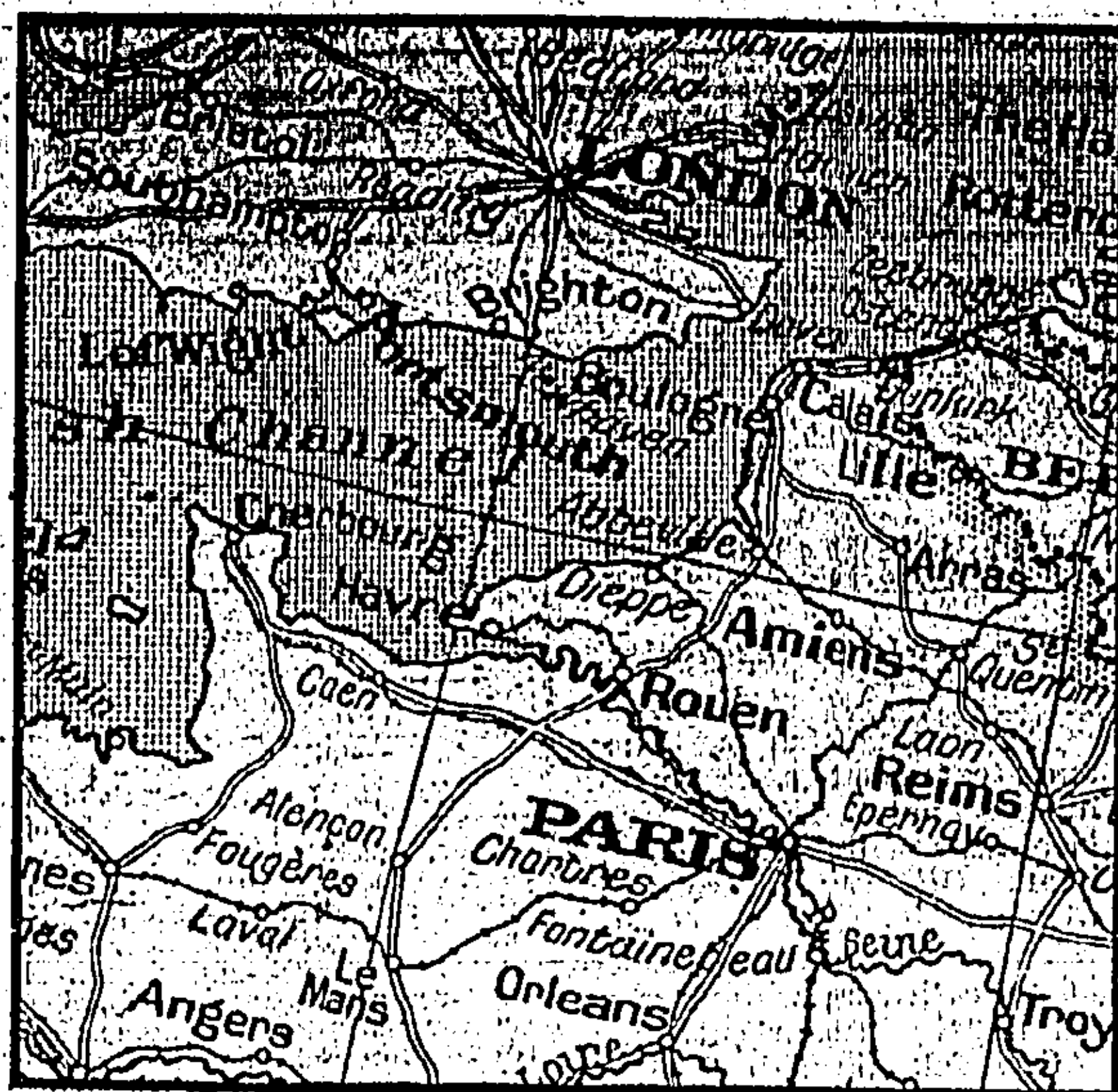
It is however by no means desperate, "Reuter" was told by well-informed circles to-night.

Mr. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons that fighting was taking place in and around Boulogne shows the suddenness and swiftness of the German thrust at the Channel ports.

No Immediate Danger

But though this constitutes a grave menace to the Allied line of communication, it is stated that these lines are, at the moment, in no immediate danger.

The strength or weakness of the whole position, from the Allied point of view, is the swiftness in which a counter offensive, on a scale sufficient for the purpose, can be got under way.



Britain's No. 1 Fascist Arrested

Mosley And Other Leaders Held

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Sir Oswald Mosley and other leading members of the British Union Fascists have been arrested to-day.

Others arrested were Mr. Raven Thomson, Mr. Francis Hawkins, Mr. F. E. Burdett, Captain U. A. Hick, Mr. C. F. Watts Mackenzie, Mr. G. Bruning and Mrs. Dacre Fox.

Mr. John Beckett, formerly a member of the House of Commons and Secretary of the British Peoples Party, has also been arrested.

Headquarters Raided
Special Branch officers took complete possession of the Union headquarters and questioned everyone approaching the building.

Detectives examined all papers and documents found in desks and cabinets as well as the filing systems.

Internment Of Aliens

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The subject of the internment of enemy aliens was again raised during question-time in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir John Anderson said that up to now it had not been felt necessary to order the wholesale internment of female enemy aliens.

However, he said that they had not hesitated to intern individual German and Austrian women where there were grounds of suspecting their attitude.

Dealing with the subject of members of the I.R.A., Sir John Anderson said that, in addition to a large number who had been convicted and were serving large sentences, orders had also been given for the expulsion of 107 persons.

Full use would continue to be made of powers for the prevention of violence by a temporary act.

Detaining British Subjects
As regards other British subjects, the new Defence Regulations enabled him to order the detention of members of the I.R.A. who had association with the enemy or were subject to foreign influence or control and which may be used for purposes prejudicial to national security.

"Under these new powers," he said, "I gave instructions last night for the detention of a number of persons whose names will be made known as soon as the orders are carried out."

"This action has been taken because of the danger that the organisation of which the persons concerned were leading members, might be used in execution of acts which might be prejudicial to the security of the state."

"They are not being detained on account of any opinion held or expressed by them or on account of their propagandist activities."

"It must not be assumed that the action taken this morning represents finality."

"Further action must and will be taken as the circumstances arise."

Police To Be Armed
Sir John Anderson also announced that special steps had been taken to increase the arms available for use by the police.

While there was no intention to turn the police into a combatant force it was desirable that many of them should be armed for protection and for purposes connected with their duties to guard certain places.

Sir John Anderson was asked whether, for the purposes of home security and having regard to what had happened in certain neutral countries, it had now been decided to ban all Communist and Fascist newspapers and, if necessary, to intern their members.

This and other similar matters, said the Home Secretary, were receiving the attention due to them in the present circumstances.

However, he said that it would be contrary to public interest to announce before hand the steps which were being taken to deal with any person, whose activities were calculated to be prejudicial to the security of the state.

DEFENCE OF EIRE

Anxious Questions In House Of Commons

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).

—The defence position of Eire was raised during question-time in the House of Commons to-day.

The Prime Minister was asked whether he was satisfied that all necessary measures had been taken to prevent an invasion of this country by Germany through Eire.

He was also asked whether he had any information regarding the attitude which the Eire Government would adopt in the event of an invasion of southern Ireland by Germany.

Government Replies

Replying on behalf of the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee said: "I feel sure the Government of Eire is alive to the possibilities, as, of course, is the Government here."

"So far as the questions relate to our own defensive measures, members of the House will realise that I am not able to make any statement."

He was then asked whether, in view of the serious danger to the safety of this country, any definite arrangements had been made with the Government of Eire to meet any attempt at invasion through that country.

"Members will realise that there can be no question of this Government giving orders to the Government of Eire," replied Mr. Attlee. "But all proper consultations have been taken."

SCRAP METAL DRIVE

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Old bandstands and park railings will be scrapped to provide hundreds of tons of scrap metal.

It is hoped that the example of the London County Council will be followed by all private owners of scrap metal.

culated at any time to impede the national war effort.

Captain Ramsay

In the course of supplementary questions, reference was made to the detention of Captain Archibald Ramsay.

Sir John Anderson said that Captain Ramsay was taken into detention under a specific regulation as it was stopped before last night's amendment.

Mr. James Maxton: Then Captain Ramsay won't be tried or charged with any specific offence?

Sir John Anderson: This is precautionary. Captain Ramsay will have the right to make representations to an Advisory Committee.

Captain Ramsay has been a Conservative Member since 1931. Born in India he was formerly in the Coldstream Guards. He was wounded in France during the last war.

Captain Ramsay's father was a Lieutenant Colonel.

Names To Be Released

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords to-day, the Duke of Devonshire asked that a considerable number of persons of British nationality were arrested this morning.

Some of the names had already been made known and the list would be published as soon as the round-up had been completed.

These people had been arrested not because of the views they held but because their organisations might be used for the execution of acts prejudicial to the State.

Mosley's Home Searched

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Sir Oswald Mosley's home at Denham, Buckinghamshire, was searched to-night by the Police.

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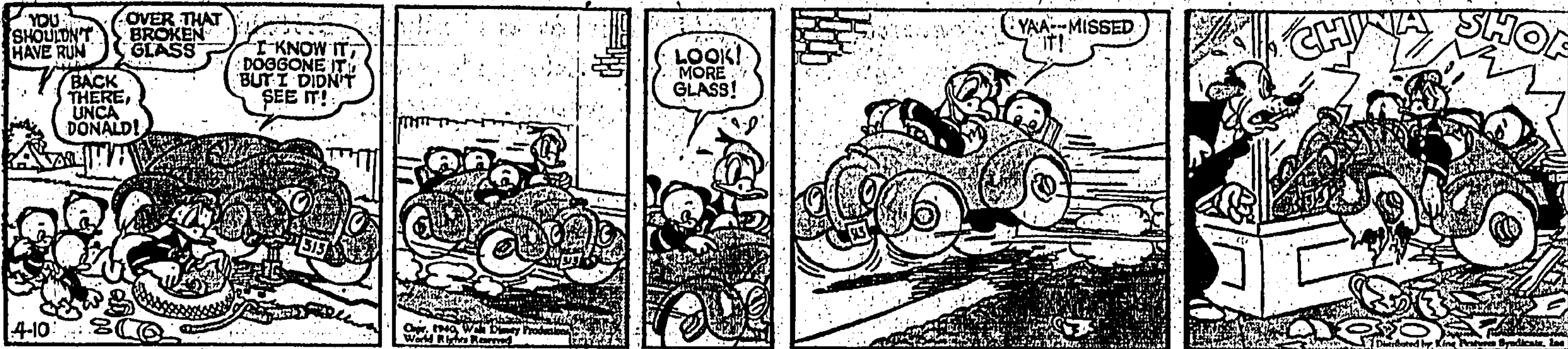
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PLANNED DER TAG FOR 1948

BRITAIN was to be German by 1948. The Nazis had a Ten-Year-Plan to "conquer" Europe. In 1937 they carefully mapped their timetable of systematic aggression.

An original of the secret map was discovered by the Czech police in a raid in 1938 on the Prague headquarters of Konrad Henlein, leader of the German Nazi Party in Czechoslovakia.

Although, Henlein claimed to be loyal to the democratic Czech State, he was later revealed to have been in secret negotiation with Hitler, and is now a local Gauleiter.

A photographic copy of the brutally planned timetable was brought to London by one of the official British observers in the Sudetenland.

The Ministry of Information now issues this astounding map in the form of a bold, coloured poster. This is the Nazi war aims again strikingly demonstrated to the world.

Here was the plan:—
Austria and Czechoslovakia were to be taken by 1938.
Poland and Hungary were to be annexed by 1939.
Rumania, Jugoslavia and Bulgaria were to be conquered by 1940.
Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Ukraine and the North of France were to be under the Nazi yoke by 1941.

Before 1948, Hitler's hordes of grabbing gangsters would have seized Scandinavia and Portugal. Before 1949, also, the map shows would have been the British Isles, the Channel Islands and the Union Jack would have been trampled beneath the heel of the Nazi jack-boot. This is how the plan was to be carried out.

Copies of the mapped timetable were smuggled to Nazi party organisers in Austria, and later to German agents in Czechoslovakia.

These organisers and agents were to select their tools, explain the plan, and work up campaigns of fanatical disobedience to the Governments of their countries.

The cry of "German minorities are being oppressed" was to be encouraged, and the Fuehrer, father of Germans everywhere, was to march in to save them.

While Hitler was telling the world that the German Government wanted nothing but peaceful co-operation with neighbouring countries, while he was promising the Poles to respect their independence provided they acquiesced in the "restoration" of the Czech frontier, confidential Nazi agents were already initiated into the scheme for the brutal annexation of Poland by September, 1939.

Ribbentrop's Mistake
Once the preliminaries of the plan had followed schedule, then the Greater Germany, enriched by its calculated plunder, would proceed to swallow its victims one by one.

Great Britain was apparently considered no obstacle to the plan; she was "a decadent democracy," "effete," she was "too weak."
When Ribbentrop told Hitler that Britain was unprepared and would not fight for the freedom of the small nations and the freedom to order her own life, that miscalculation was the half of the policy of Hitler's Ten-Year-Plan. Gallant Poland was cruelly raped, but the plan has been halted.
With the stand against him by Britain and France, Hitler's war has been altered in schedule.

SUFFICIENT FOOD

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, when speaking at a meeting of the Food Manufacturers' Federation here to-day, said that there was sufficient food supplies in this country to keep us going during the war.
"Whatever may happen which will cause the food supply to be cut off," he said, "the enemy will not be able to starve us out."



This is the map of Europe as Germany planned to see it by 1948. Copies will be posted up all over Britain. It's a valuable lesson—if we needed it!

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False Raid Warnings

**Kentish Towns Alarmed
Yesterday Evening**

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that an air raid warning was sounded in East Kent early this evening.

The streets in one town were quickly cleared by the Warden's who were the cause of the warning.

Several R.A.F. machines were seen but, after 20 minutes, no enemy aircraft were sighted.

In another town in the east of Kent, the air raid warning was sounded about the same time.

Within a few minutes, about 20 R.A.F. fighter planes were in the air. There was no gun fire.

The Nazi Version
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A German High Command communiqué announces that there have been air attacks on Dunkirk and Dover.

Nothing is known of any attack on Dover here.

Enemy Over Channel
LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A large number of planes, believed to be hostile, were seen over the Channel this evening.

People on the cliffs saw that they were engaged by anti-aircraft batteries, firing apparently from the French coast.

One machine is believed to have been brought down.

Political Leaders Return To Norway

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—"Reuter" learns that Professor Kolt, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, and Colonel Ljungberg, the Norwegian Defence Minister, have returned to Norway.

They are now with the King and the Norwegian Government, helping to prosecute the war.

R. A. F. STRIKES BACK

By REUEL MOORE
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF
CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—A special force of Blenheim bombers from the Royal Air Force Coastal Command to-day attacked the headquarters of the German armoured division advancing on the Channel ports.

"Close to a hundred high explosive bombs were dropped and most of them dropped well within the target area," an Air Ministry announcement said.

Relays of British bombers were kept up almost continuously and the assault caused damage and confusion over a wide area, the Air Ministry report added.

The Air Ministry denied the German claim to have bombed Dover. However, the "aleri" was sounded in east Kent early this evening and a dozen British pursuit planes took to the air.

It has been disclosed that one group of R.A.F. fighting planes on Wednesday brought down 27 German planes and probably rendered ten more unfit for action.

The R.A.F. also bombed the Sedan area and south Belgium, as well as German railways last night.

A single R.A.F. plane bombed the power station at Rotha, 10 miles southeast of Leipzig.

Two hospital ships arrived in England to-day.

The crews said German planes turned their machine guns on wounded soldiers and Belgian refugees at a French port.

'Fifth Column' In America

**Roosevelt Takes The
Necessary Action**

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—The United States Attorney General, Mr. Robert Jackson, made a statement to the Press to-day that President Roosevelt had prepared months ago to meet Fifth Column activities and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation were handling arrangements for the purpose.

Mr. Jackson's statement coincided with the action of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives in writing into the 1941 Relief Bill provision denying employment in the Works Progress Administration to Communists or members of the Nazi Bund organisations.

Goodwill Mission To Italy

ROME, May 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Naotake Sato, head of the Japanese Goodwill Mission to Italy, has handed Signor Mussolini a message from Admiral Yonai, the Japanese Premier. The message states that in this grave hour for Europe, the Japanese nation recalls with deepest sympathy the friendship and noble efforts of Fascist Italy in the interests of international justice. Japan wishes these efforts the most complete success.

The message adds that the Japanese Government is now with the King and the Italian Government, helping to prosecute the war.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1890.
The upper floors of the Hongkong Dispensary, Stanley Street, Warehouse were destroyed by fire early this morning. The damage will not materially interfere with our local business. The Soda Water Factory and plant are intact and the manufacture of Aerated Waters commenced at 7 o'clock this morning as usual.

The Dispensary and General Store have not been affected by the fire and business will be transacted as usual.
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25 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1915.
A Reuter's message says that Italy has declared war on Austria.

According to a Paris communiqué, the enemy have made several attacks between the sea and Arona, which were repulsed with the heaviest losses.

During two further attacks at Neuville, the enemy were repulsed with heavy losses. The Germans exploded several mines in Arona, and strong forces attempted to occupy the craters thus made, but our infantry threw them back on their original line under a storm of bombs and grenades, inflicting the heaviest losses. The enemy's defeat was complete.

Reuter's correspondent on the Italian frontier, in a message dated May 24, says the wave of patriotic enthusiasm is rising like a tide over the whole country. Nowhere have there been such spontaneous manifestations as in the great northern towns. The appearance of Milan is most impressive. The whole male population is apparently in the streets and the air is vibrating with excitement, but no soldiers or police are necessary to keep order. There are similar scenes at Turin, where the houses are besieged. A crowd suddenly gathered to cheer the departure of a contingent of Bersaglieri for the front. At Venice the population waited in the historic square of St. Mark for the Patriarch's declaration of the Extraordinary Powers Bill, and, when it was announced, the tricolour was hoisted on the Patriarch's flagpole, and the cheering of the natives of Trieste present were overwhelmed with demonstrations of affection. Telegrams are being received in Rome from the Italian Colonies throughout the world, intimating that thousands of Italians are ready to answer the call to mobilise. Thousands more are ready to volunteer for service.

According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent an official German Note says that Italy, by her provocative attack on Austria has also broken off her alliance with Germany. The Austro-German Alliance, welded by comradeship in arms, remains uninjured by Italy's desertion to the enemy.

The German Ambassador has been ordered to leave Rome with the Austrian Ambassador.

The Vienna declaration of war presented to Vienna recalls Italy's denunciation of the Triple Alliance following Austria's violation of the Alliance, and that Italy cannot fall in her duty to take against every existing and future menace, the necessary measures for the fulfilment of the national aspirations. She therefore considers herself in a state of war from May 24.

10 YEARS AGO
London, May 24, 1930.
Major C. R. Atten, who was a member of the Simon Commission, has been appointed to succeed Sir Oswald Mosley as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

To-day is Empire day, and, in accordance with custom, the occasion has been marked in Hongkong by the holding of special services at the St. John's and Catholic Cathedrals, these being largely attended by pupils of various schools.

Miss Army Johnson left Ambulua to-day at dawn for Fort Harwin.

5 YEARS AGO
May 24, 1935.
The Indo-Abyssinian situation has reached complete deadlock. Minor Mussolini Italian Prime Minister, has rejected the mediatory proposals.

**EX-KAISER SAID
AT POTSDAM**
MADRID, May 23 (Reuter).—German circles here declare that the Kaiser has arrived at Potsdam, and is said to be receiving every day.

Solidarity Of Empire Praised By British Provincial Press

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Dealing with the latest reports of help from all parts of the Commonwealth, the "Manchester Guardian" calls it a quickening of the Empire's pulse.

It is as important as men and munitions, says the paper.

The Allies will have to rely more and more on their Empire for their food and raw materials.

Loyalty Confirmed
The "Yorkshire Post" says that if Hitler had hoped that in a supreme emergency the British Empire would crumble, he had the answer when the war broke out.

The latest reports confirm that the loyalty of the Empire, coupled with more practical help and the fact that the Empire is more united than ever, has put an end to the Nazi hopes of conquest.

LUSAKA, May 23 (Reuter).—The Government and people of northern Rhodesia will increase their war contribution by £200,000. This sum is four times greater than that agreed upon for military expenditure.

It has been gratefully received by the Colonial Office.

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9.24 T. Megarry, J. W. Mayhew.
9.28 A. D. Humphreys, E. G. Price.
9.32 J. E. Dovey, I. D. Trevor.
9.36 A. N. & G. A. A. Macdwyen.
9.40 J. A. D. Morrison, E. P. Streetfield.
9.44 J. Linaker, M. Pollock.
9.48 Wm. Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.

9.52 A. S. Allison, G. Thomerson.
9.56 F. A. Redmond, R. G. Parker.
10.00 P. E. Annie, W. Harper.
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10.08 A. Sommerfield, I. S. Morrison.
10.12 G. C. Worral, I. H. Geare.
10.16 G. M. Park, R. Young.
10.20 J. C. C. Matthews, R. J. K. Thompson.

NEW COURSE
9.32 W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.

PIONEER CORPS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The mayors of boroughs all over Britain are busy raising local companies of the Pioneer Corps.

The response has been very good. Several companies will be formed within a few days.

Air Defence Department Canada Quickens Her War Time Effort

OTTAWA, May 23 (Reuter).—Both the House of Commons and the Senate have passed a Government Bill setting up a new Air Defence department.

Mr. Charles G. Power will direct air force activity and will also have jurisdiction over the Commonwealth Air Training scheme.

He pledges himself and his associates to produce results as quickly as possible.

Canada's heavy industries, ship builders and plane manufacturers are complying with the Government's request to speed up the output by working night and day, including Sundays and holidays.

The Canadian air fields are scenes of intense activity as thousands of young men from all over the Empire are gathering there for training.

ST. ANDREW'S PICNIC
The date of the opening of the St. Andrew's Club bathing picnics has been postponed, and instead of starting to-morrow, as members had been notified, the first picnic will not be held until June 1, leaving Kowloon pier at 3 p.m.

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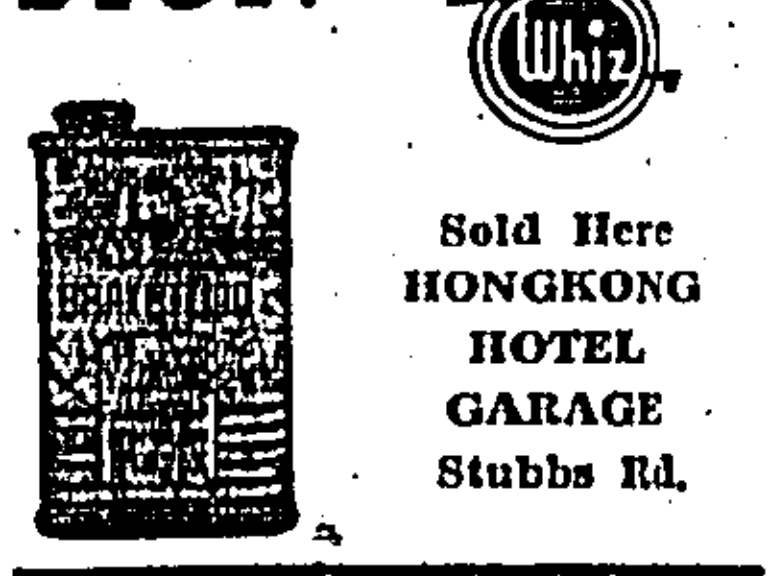
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Empire Day

Though overshadowed by the threat and implications of the German "Blitzkrieg" which is now waged in northern France and Belgium, to-day's celebrations of Empire Day will be observed throughout the far-flung British commonwealth of nations with no less fervent expressions of loyalty to the King than heretofore. Empire Day and all that it stands for means more to us, especially in Hongkong, than perhaps ever before.

The greatest bulwark of democracy, freedom and civilisation faces the ruthless threat of a maniacal demagogue, whose lust for power, as Mr. Duff Cooper rightly pointed out, knows no bounds. Therefore, Empire Day this year implies much more than a holiday and the opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of the greatest Queen of all time. It is an occasion for re-dedicating ourselves to the tremendous and grave task of crushing, once and for all, the scourge of Nazism which aims to overthrow, not only Europe's hard-won democracy, but the entire civilisation of the world, and notably of the British Empire.

The Empire to-day is facing a critical hour, but as in 1918, the Empire stands rock-like in its determination to overcome the forces of evil. Yesterday we heard the news of yet another contingent of Canadian troops arriving in the Motherland. Australia is still pouring more and more men into the theatres of war on behalf of the Empire. New Zealand is making a wonderful effort with men, materials and money, and India is forgetting her civil strife in this great moment when her sympathetic assistance is most needed.

The Empire is more united than ever, a fact which gives this Empire Day a new and more significant meaning. It is also a warning; a warning to Hitler and his masses of fanatical adherents that the British commonwealth of nations will never concede to them the right and love for democratic liberty. To-day there is a union in arms and spirit—as for future purposes of peace—for all the Empire.

A.R. PHITNESS DANCES

A.R.P. workers of Richmond, Surrey, are to be taught folk dancing to keep them on tip-toe for their duties.

There is no question of compulsion, said Councillor E. W. Wilton, who is now in charge of A.R.P. welfare work.

"But I am hoping that both the men and the women will join in."

Italy entered the World War as an ally of Britain and France 25 years ago to-day. The article below is newsworthy in view of her present attitude.

WHATEVER may be thought in other British quarters, naval circles are not unduly perturbed by current reports that Italy intends to enter the war "to pull Hitler's chestnuts out of the fire." Prevailing opinion in these circles is that Signor Mussolini is far too shrewd to play the part of a cat's paw.

I can speak with some personal knowledge of naval conditions in the Mediterranean because, shortly before the Abyssinian crisis, I was an official guest first of the French, and then of the Italian, navy.

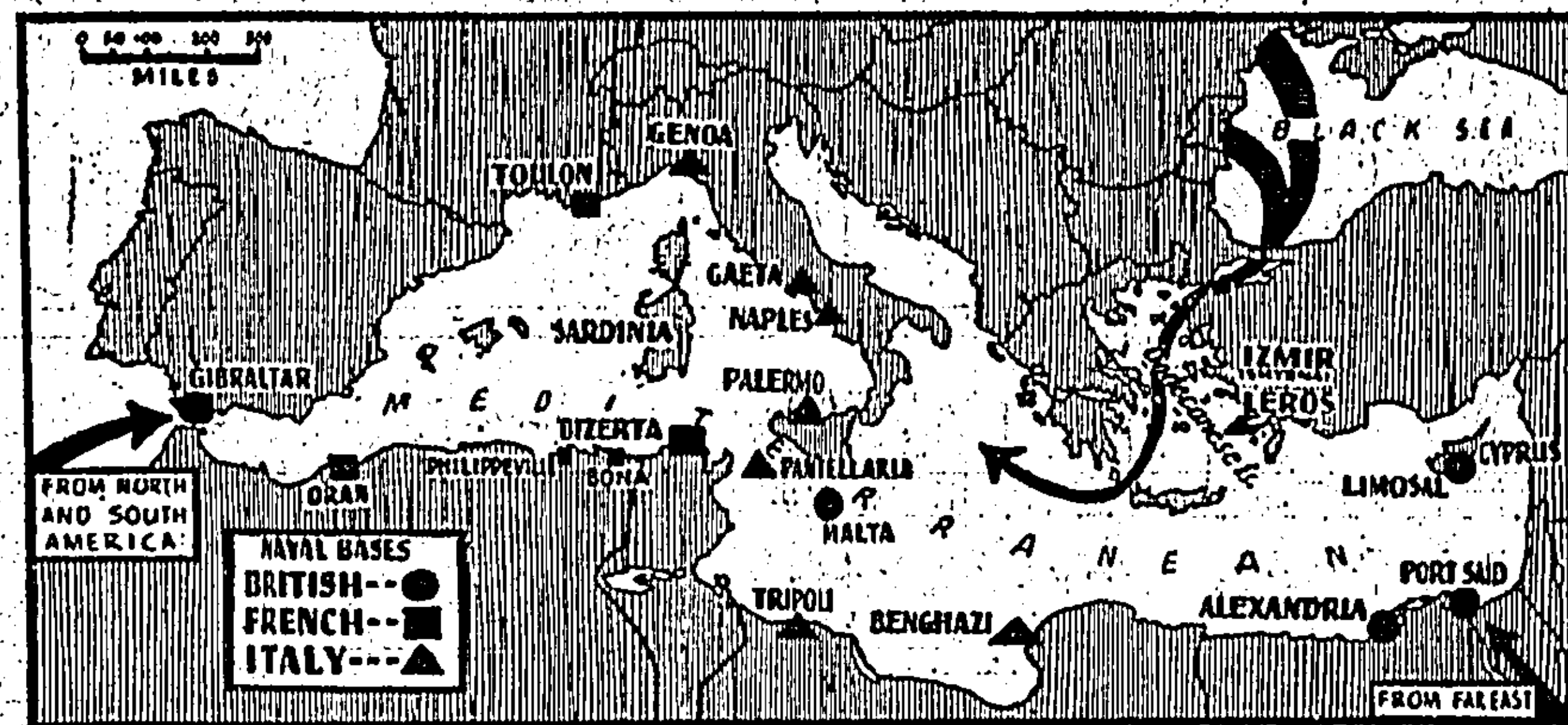
In the course of my Italian trip I had private interviews with Signor

Mussolini, Count Ciano and Admiral Cavagnari, Naval Under-Secretary of State. I visited many naval bases and warships and was treated throughout with courtesy.

As stated, my interview with Mussolini was private, but as he has declared publicly, before the fact, that "freedom of the sea" is essential to Italy's existence, it is no breach of confidence to say now that he impressed this point on me during our talk at the Palazzo Venezia.

Italy, he said in effect, was strategically an island, with an extraordinarily long and vulnerable coastline. "She cannot live without sea-borne imports, and it is primarily to safeguard these that we are building a powerful navy." What he then proceeded to tell me is still confidential.

The same thesis was politely but firmly hammered into me by Count



ITALY'S WAR GAMBLE

By Hector Bywater

Ciano and Admiral Cavagnari. But the facts speak for themselves too loudly to tempt me to break my vow of silence to these three gentlemen, all of whom I must repeat, were extremely courteous.

Here are some of the facts that will probably make Italy's leaders pause ere they plunge their lovely land into war with Britain and France. First, the combined naval forces which these two Powers are able to deploy in the Mediterranean would be superior to those of Italy, and though I heard disparaging (but quite undeserved) comments on French naval prowess while I was in Rome, a very wholesome respect for the British fleet was expressed.

Secondly, no part of the Italian peninsula is safe from aero-naval

attack. Even Rome itself lies within reach of long-range naval guns. Thirdly, Italy could be completely blockaded in her inland sea, the Mediterranean, by the closing of the Gibraltar Straits in the west and the Gulf of Suez in the east, both comparatively simple equipment. Fourthly, she would be cut off from her new empire in Ethiopia. Fifthly, and most important of all, she would be deprived of most of the 26 million tons of goods she imports every year.

These imports, of which 86 per cent. come by sea, are absolutely essential to her even in time of peace. In war they would have to be enormously increased, and if the sea-borne percentage were eliminated as in all human probability it would be, her power of holding out would be limited not to years but to months.

Despite her fleet and her naval bases in the Dodecanese, Libya and Pantellaria, she could not possibly retain even partial control of her Mediterranean life-line. She might or might not take Malta, but even if she did it would avail her nothing.

Only by destroying or immobilising Anglo-French sea power in the Mediterranean could she escape economic strangulation, and does any sane Italian believe this to be possible?

Another sore handicap is that the standard of living amongst the bulk of Italy's frugal, hard-working populace is already so modest that it could scarcely be lowered further. In other words, Italy cannot tighten her belt to meet the exigencies of war.

which, right or not, at any rate fits in with known facts.

He says that when he was living in Munich in 1923 he paid the attractive Gely a good deal of attention ("Je lui faisais la cour; elle n'était ni prude ni begueule") and took her out to dances and masked balls. One day as he was dressing for a dance his brother Gregor burst into his room, saying "Adolf does not want you to go out with Gely." As he spoke, the telephone bell rang and Hitler shouted into the instrument: "I hear that you have an appointment with that little hussy Gely. I won't have her going out with a married man. I won't stand your Berlin ways in Munich." So there was no party and dance that night.

Next day Gely came to see Strasser, her eyes red with tears and herself almost in a state of collapse.

"He had locked me up," she cried. "He locks me up every time I say No."

There was no need, to ask her many questions. "With anger, disgust, horror, she told me of the strange proposals with which her uncle pursued her," the story continues.

"I was quite aware of the impossibilities of Adolf. I had heard of the outrageous demands to which Mile—(an earlier name of Hitler's)—had submitted. I had not credited them. I thought Mile was hysterical and lied at random. But Gely, who was completely ignorant of this other adventure of her uncle's confirmed point-by-point what the imagination of a sane man can hardly believe."

Such is Strasser's story. His break with Hitler followed soon after. When he heard of Gely's tragic death in 1931 his mind naturally travelled back to the earlier and unforgettable incident. It was not till four years after that that he heard Paul's story. It was not till last November, after he had revealed part of the story in a French newspaper, that he received the following message from an Austrian priest in exile:

"It is I who buried Angela Raubal, the little Gely of whom Otto Strasser speaks. They pretend that she committed suicide. I would never have permitted the interment of a suicide in consecrated ground. From the

Here are some significant figures: from North America she takes annually 3,000,000 tons of cereals, cotton, copper, zinc, oil and its derivatives; from South America 2,000,000 tons of cereals, coffee, sugar, wool and frozen meat, and from Northern Europe 12,000,000 tons of iron and coal. All but a fraction of these imports come via the Gibraltar Straits.

Wheat and oil in millions of tons reach her from the Black Sea, which means that they must pass through the Dardanelles that Turkey could close at any moment. From India, Australia and the Far East she imports 1,300,000 tons of cereals, fats, jute, cotton, wool and tin, which can reach her only through the Suez Canal.

No rhetoric can obscure these inexorable facts for long. They constitute an unanswerable argument against Italy's going to war with the Allied Powers.

It is not unnecessary to tabulate the combined strength of the Anglo-French Navies available for immediate service in the Mediterranean, and compare them with the Italian Navy. Suffice it to say that she would be heavily outnumbered in battleships, cruisers and destroyers, and matched in submarines. In aircraft she might possess an initial advantage, but that would soon disappear. Germany could not help her at all except, perhaps, by dispatching submarines in sections overland or through the dangerous Gibraltar defile.

I write in no unfriendly spirit. But the best service that British writers who know and admire Italy can perform is to remind her of the appalling dangers she will incur. If she allows herself to become an instrument of Hitler's megalomania,

fact that I gave her Christian burial, you will be able to draw the precise conclusions which I am forbidden to communicate to you direct."

If this astonishing story is true, fiction once more limps lamely behind fact. But is it true? Readers must judge for themselves. Strasser, admittedly, is Hitler's mortal foe. He has a murdered brother to avenge and wishes him dead and damned. On the other hand he is a man of character and reputation, who has fought with clean weapons against foul.

But is the charge itself credible against Hitler apart from the credibility of the person who makes it? As to that, any charge is credible against a paranoiac. Nothing can be ruled out as incredible or impossible. He admits no moral code. To him if to no one else in the wide world, nihil veritatem. He is like the Roman Emperor who, as a boy, said to his mother, "Remember that all things are allowed to me against all men."

ONE FORM OF ECOTISM

A man who could ruthlessly blot out some of his oldest friends in a paroxysm of terror, let them should be plotting his overthrow might easily in a fit of thwarted fury shoot down a woman who denied his evil will. A paranoiac may feel even acute remorse for three days and nights and talk without meaning it, of suicide, and then put it firmly from his mind for ever.

It may be objected that Hitler has never had any amoral adventures or affairs, and that, as Professor Roberts wrote in "The House that Hitler Built," "he is too immersed in himself to be anything but aloof to women. His sexlessness is the measure of his own colossal egotism; and he positively enjoys strengthening the myth of his difference from other men by his disregard for women."

If he were not a paranoiac that might well stand as true. But the story told by Strasser obviously relates to no ordinary "adventure." The background is black with abnormality into the polluted covers of which sane men will not seek to penetrate. But, credible or incredible, neither more credible, I should say, nor more incredible, than a hundred other monstrous acts of Hitler's monstrous career of egotism and lust for personal domination and power.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY OF HITLER'S PAST

OTTO STRASSER'S REVELATIONS ABOUT
DEATH OF FUEHRER'S GREAT-NIECE J.B. Firth

SOME day—and that before the Great Assize—there may well be another inquiry into the death of a young Austrian girl who was found dead in mysterious circumstances in the house of her great-uncle at Munich in 1931.

Her name was Angela Raubal. They called her Gely. Austrian by birth, she was pretty, attractive and gay, and possessed her full share of the charm and vivacity of her countrywomen. Such at least were her outstanding qualities when she went to live, about 1928, with her Uncle Adolf.

Adolf Hitler—not then, of course, the Fuehrer of the Reich, scarcely even Thane of Cawdor—was already fully conscious of his coming destiny, and already furiously impatient of all who crossed his path or withstood his slightest wish.

Gely was found one day shot dead. The finding of the court was suicide, but to many it did not seem altogether satisfactory. Young women seeking death rarely, if ever, shoot themselves. Nor do they play with firearms, loaded or unloaded. Attractive young women who are found shot are usually the victims not of accident but of crime, due to jealousy, rage or passion.

CHARGE QUASHED

Was this girl's death suicide—or is it an ugly word—murder? People in Munich wondered and passed on. It was decidedly dangerous, even in 1931, to gossip in Munich to the prejudice of Adolf Hitler. Besides, had he not seemed broken-hearted that such an accident should have happened to a close relative living in his house under his protection? True, he has the faculty at will to start the tears coursing down his face, but if ever there was an occasion for genuine sorrow it was here.

Still, there was ugly talk, and the Procurator-General actually entered a charge against Hitler. It was not heard, because the Bavarian Minister of Justice, one Guertner, quashed it. Curious that it was this same Guertner who had pressed for the release of Hitler before he had completed his sentence for his share in the Putsch of 1923, and the same Guertner who had saved him from sentence of expulsion from Bavaria, which Hitler dreaded even more than imprisonment. Perhaps it is not so curious that Guertner was afterwards promoted Minister of Justice of the Reich.

Who is it who now recalls these bygone, it may be asked. It is one who lived in close association with Hitler at that time. He openly charges him with having shot Gely

in a fit of mad fury, and brings forward circumstantial evidence of a startling character.

If this person, who is and has been for years a declared and implacable enemy of Hitler, had not been a man of standing and repute, his word would go for little. But Otto Strasser, though living in exile, has a large if secret following in Germany. He was a Hitlerite for some years but always with deep misgivings as to the megalomania of his leader.

Hitler sent him to Berlin to rally the party there after the Munich Putsch and he met with great success. He was an intellectual, a fervent National-Socialist, and an ardent enthusiast for the Socialist side of the programme which Hitler progressively abandoned.

STRASSER AND GELY

He often engaged in lively altercations with Hitler on the latter's lust for power and his brother Gregor Strasser, whose intimacy with Hitler was much closer than his own, frequently intervened to restore peace between them. But if any two men had opportunities to show Hitler as he really was from 1923 to 1931 it was the two Strassers.

Gregor was murdered, shot in an underground cellar during the party "purge" of June 30, 1934. Otto was persistently shadowed and hunted by the gangsters of the Gestapo on Austrian and even on French soil and had many escape which he describes in an astonishing book, "Hitler et Moi," published recently by the Paris house of Bernard Cassot.

Otto Strasser, in fact, is the leader of the anti-Hitler National-Socialists, and if Hitler and his gang disappeared to-morrow he would aspire to power in opposition to Goering, the militarists, the Junkers and the big industrialists.

It is no obscure and irresponsible person, therefore, who now declares that Hitler shot his great-niece Gely in 1931. He adduces, in corroboration, what another brother, Paul, told him at their last interview in the spring of 1935.

Paul, who is a Benedictine monk, revealed to him that his brother Gregor had confided to him, under pledge of secrecy, that after Gely's death he had spent three days and nights with Adolf Hitler disavowing him from turning against himself the revolver with which he had committed the deed. Gregor had told him nothing of the circumstances of the crime and nothing of its cause. Only the bare fact.

But it so happened that Otto was himself able to supply of his own personal knowledge an explanation

SUPPORT FOR PURGE

Press Unanimous On Wide Decision

LONDON, May 24 (Reuter).—Newspapers approve of the energetic initiative of the Government in ordering the arrest of Sir Oswald Mosley and eight of his lieutenants.

After what happened in Norway and Holland, the newspapers think that one cannot be too cautious, and this step, like others taken for the security of the country, is considered natural in an emergency period.

The "Daily Mail" demands similar measures to be taken against Communists, beginning with the suppression of the newspaper, "Daily Worker."

Holland, says the "Mail," fell in five days because no man could trust his neighbour. That must not happen in Great Britain. Every gap through which the insidious agents of Hitler might come must and will be closed. Hitler will not conquer us from the rear, says the paper.

The "News Chronicle" says: "The public will welcome this indication that the Government intend to lay hands on all, irrespective of their class or position, whose liberty, if prolonged, might menace public safety."

In normal circumstances, these measures would not be tolerated for a moment by a free people, but the times are not normal and these powers are necessary.

The "Daily Herald" says: "This step will not be criticised. Our cause, which is the cause of freedom, could be mortally weakened if we failed to place under control persons whose conduct can be considered harmful to public security."

CEASE SAILING ORDER

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continue her voyage to Hongkong in view of the Rome order, or whether she would turn back.

The order apparently affects only the company's express liners on the Orient run.

Freighters are not affected. A "Reuter" message confirms the suspension of the sailings. It adds that the Shanghai agent said it was possible that lack of passengers from Trieste may have influenced the development.

Slack Business

The reason for the suspension of Lloyd Trieste express liner sailings from Trieste until further notice is believed to be on account of slack business, the Hongkong agent of the company, Signor G. B. Carpi, told "Reuter" representatives today.

"We received a cable from Trieste announcing the suspension, which will take effect when liners have returned to Italy after completing their present runs. We believe that the liners will be docked for a few months as they are losing money on account of their size and through the war. Passenger traffic will fall off still further with monsoon weather," he said.

Freighters Unaffected

The company's eight freighters in the Far East, which also carry passengers will continue to operate as usual. About two months ago the Lloyd Trieste express liner service to the Far East was changed from a fortnightly to a monthly service when the 24,000-ton Conte Biancamano, their largest liner in the Far East was switched on to the South American run and the Victoria was placed on a Mediterranean service.

The two remaining liners, the Conte Verde and the Conte Rosso, are completing their Far Eastern runs. The Conte Verde is sailing tomorrow from Colombo for Singapore, Hongkong, Manila and Shanghai and the Conte Rosso is due at Colombo tomorrow on her way back to Italy.

NAZIS TERRIBLE FLAME WEAPON

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trying the gunners inside the easements.

But these tactics have a serious disadvantage. All easements are fitted with anti-tank guns which can pierce the thick armour-plate of even a large tank. The flame-thrower tanks, like Germany's pocket battleships, have had to sacrifice armour for speed and mobility, and their armour is no protection against any anti-tank gun.

GAMBLIN NO SUICIDE

London, May 23. There is no truth in the report that Gen. Gamelin, former Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies, has committed suicide, as stated by the Germans.—British Wireless.

ESPIONAGE SUSPECTS

Paris, May 23. Allied counter-espionage forces have arrested over 200 German spies in Belgium, where they helped the Germans to advance during the campaign in the defence of the Ardennes.—United Press.

STOCKHOLM, May 23 (UP).—Swedish neutrality was again violated by German planes on Wednesday, when two bombers flew over the Krums arena. They were driven off by A.A. fire.

Medals for gallantry in rescuing the crew from an overturned sampan during the typhoon last November were presented at Blenheim Island on Tuesday by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Percy Noble. The recipients were Mr. James Hawke, Gulam Mohammed and Chung Kam-wing, and they received decorations from the Royal Humane Society. This picture shows a general view during the presentations.—Sico Chung.



Anglo-Spain Relations

Reiteration Of Good Neighbourliness

LONDON, May 23 (British Wireless).—Diplomatic circles in London have noted with interest a statement on Anglo-Spanish relations which the British Foreign Secretary recently gave to a Spanish Press representative in London and in which Lord Halifax said the policy of H.M.G. was to maintain and develop the existing friendly relations between Britain and Spain.

He said it was important to realise that this policy was not that of one party only, but one common to the members of all parties as the recent Common debate on the Anglo-Spanish Commercial Agreement had shown.

Based On Fundamental Needs

"H.M.G. feel that friendly relations between this country and Spain answer to the fundamental needs and inclinations of both countries, based as they are upon over 150 years of peace between them, and a common regard for the fundamental Christian principle of European civilisation."

In these circumstances, H.M.G. sincerely welcomed the Spanish Government's declaration of neutrality made at the outbreak of war, and also more recent statements by the Spanish leaders and in the Spanish Press, emphasising Spain's desire to maintain neutrality. This desire is fully appreciated by H.M.G. who, for their part, have the firmest intention to respect Spanish neutrality so long as it is respected by others.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN NORWAY

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It is learned here that a small British force operating in the Mosjoen area in Norway recently engaged greatly superior enemy forces.

Seventy Germans were killed before they withdrew. Only one British soldier was killed.

Civilians Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HASTAU, May 24 (UP).—German planes carried out severe raids over northern Norway last Monday, according to belated reports just reaching here.

Many Norwegian civilians are reported to have been killed. Violent fighting is reported around Bjerkedal, which is still in Norwegian hands.

RECRUITING IN IRELAND

LONDON, May 24 (UP).—Northern Ireland hopes to inaugurate a recruiting campaign for the British Army in the very near future, Lord Craigavon, the Premier, told the Press today.

The Northern Ireland Government is recruiting a Home Defence Corps similar to that now in existence in England.

UNITED WE STAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, May 24 (UP).—Amidst cheers, Mr. Winston Churchill tonight told the House of Commons that the new Government reiterated the policy of its predecessor that "no peace will be concluded with the enemy by His Majesty's Government except in agreement and co-operation with the French Government."

Stock Exchange's Improvement

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange today, the favourable reception to the new Emergency Powers Act was reflected in a sharp improvement of gilt-edged holdings together with smaller improvements in other groups.

Although a profit-taking together with a natural reaction, caused a late reduction of the early gains, the final prices were still substantially higher on the day.

Wall Street was strong.

EMPIRE DAY

Schoolchildren At Services In H.K.

"Our Holy Father the Pope has asked children to pray in a special way that the terrible days of war may be shortened," Father Gallagher S. J. told children at an Empire Day service at the Catholic Cathedral today.

"We must pray that the virtues of patience, humility, justice, consideration for others, and charity, which are so necessary for real peace, may grow in the hearts of men."

All over the British Empire today millions of little ones are asking God that once again into this world may come the rule of justice and charity and, with it, peace.

It Must Be God's Peace

"You are here for the same purpose. You are praying with these countless others. They are asking God with all their hearts and souls that peace may come because they have fathers and brothers in the fighting and do not know when the news of death may come."

An Inspiring Example

"But it must be God's peace if the world is to be really freed from the horrors which now hold it in their grip."

Their Majesties the King and Queen give an inspiring example to all.

In spite of the great worry which this terrible war is causing them, they are everyday fulfilling not only the great things which kings and queens must do, but those little things of which the world seems to know nothing.

"They are kind to others, helping them, giving them courage by their example, smiling bravely though their hearts must be very sad at the sufferings both of the soldiers on the battle-field and the families at home who have lost someone very dear to them."

"They also give us an example because they live in accordance with God's law, and because they recognise and acknowledge God's power. They pray to God and ask all their subjects to pray also that justice and right may rule and that lasting peace may come to a world torn by war."

"You, too, must pray every day for the same thing. God will hear your prayers and soon, please God, the world now so filled with war and peace."

The service, which was conducted by Bishop Valerian, was attended by the Bishop of Hong Kong, the Dean, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, assisted by the Rev. D. M. Richards and Mr. L. Forster. Appropriate hymns were sung, led by the Cathedral choir.

The Dean illustrated his sermon with the story of St. Paul and the Roman soldier during his imprisonment in Rome 60 years after the first Christmas day. St. Paul was accorded many privileges in prison, and did a lot of reading and writing. Chained as he was to the Roman soldier, a certain amount of friendship sprang up between them. Working the Roman soldier cleaning his armour one day, St. Paul told him to use his weapons to kill others. He recorded what he saw in his letter to the Ephesians.

St. Paul, too, continued the Dean, was a soldier—a soldier of Christ, fighting for the Kingdom of Joy, Peace and Love. Quoting a passage in St. Paul's letter "Put on the whole armour of God that ye may stand against the wiles of the devil," the

Garrison Schools Observance

Talks on Empire Day were given by teachers and army chaplains at the garrison schools today. Pupils later attended the Cathedral services. The schools finished for the day at 11 a.m.

Service At Cathedral

Hundreds of school children, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, as well as members of the public, attended the Empire Day service for young people, held in St. John's Cathedral, this morning.

Beware Nazi Radio Lies

Fantastic Fairy Stories Sent Out

LONDON, May 23 (British Wireless).—Considerable attention at present is being given to the use in German strategy of rumour as a weapon of attack.

Developments of recent weeks, it is remarked, have greatly enhanced the effectiveness of this weapon in German hands. The swarms of rumours which the Germans drive before them in their advance, interspersed with German agents, provide an excellent medium for the carrying of alarmist rumours.

More important still is the occupation by Germany of the great sources of European news, such as Amsterdam and Copenhagen, the virtual cutting off of others such as Stockholm, and the control of wireless stations and of trans-continental cable telephone services which Germany's aggressions have brought home.

Well-Known Technique

This has not only resulted in the drying-up of news of reliable neutral and, in particular, American news; it has enabled Germany to apply, with renewed vigour, her well-known technique of spreading lies and rumours under neutral guise.

Thus Oslo Radio quotes Belgrade when recounting a fantastic tale that revolution is breaking out in France. Budapest quotes Copenhagen for a fairy story that the French are suing for a separate peace. Rome quotes Stockholm as authority for the fable that British troops are abandoning France and so forth. All these allegedly neutral reports, in fact, emanate from German sources and are, without exception, false.

REQUISITIONING IN S. AFRICA

Wide Powers In New War-Time Bill

PRETORIA, May 23 (Reuter).—Wider war-time requisitioning powers are granted to the Union Government by the new regulations under the Defence Act contained in a "Gazette Extraordinary."

Officers of the Defence Force and public service are authorised to take possession in time of war, buildings and other premises, supplies of food-stuffs, forage, horses and other transport animals, vehicles and all other articles which may be necessary to maintain in the defence of the Republic, the health of them and all other of His Majesty's forces acting in co-operation with them."

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords today, the Royal Commission signified the Royal Assent to the Treachery Act and the National Service and Armed Forces Act.

Dean said we today were fighting against the evils of cowardice, brutality and greed, and we also needed armour.

Importance Of Truth

Truth was one of the most important things in the world. Without it no nation or country could be successful. Lies today only help for a time "but there will always be a crash and unless you have proof you will find yourselves flopping about the place, not knowing what you are about."

One of the reasons why the world was involved in war, both in the East and the West, was because none of the nations could adjust themselves one to the other.

Faith in Jesus Christ was very necessary in peace-time during war, for unless the world wore the spiritual armour, it would continually seek to wear the armour of the Roman soldier.

Greatest Of Empire

God said, "The greatest among you is he who serves you." The greatest of the British Empire, said the Dean, was built upon the service it rendered to others. Unless the world took a similar creed, wars will continue to break out, and nations will take up arms against each other.

The War In China FEROCIOUS FIGHTING

Japanese Seek To Avenge Defeat

With both sides throwing heavy forces into the field, fighting in the TsaoYang sector in north Hupeh is increasing in ferocity, says a "Central News" message from Chungking.

Seeking to avenge the latest defeat, Japanese columns are pushing from the north-east, north-west and south-west of TsaoYang with Fencheng and Sianyang as their objective. The Japanese are apparently attempting to capture these two strategic cities on the Han River and drive up the river.

Spirited resistance is said to be offered by the Chinese against this drive. Large numbers of Japanese crossing the Yangtze and Pei Rivers, tributaries of the Han River, were wiped out by Chinese batteries on the banks.

Many points around TsaoYang have changed hands several times during the last few days. Tzotien, Tzupingchen and Luichinshui to the north of TsaoYang were once again recaptured by the Chinese on May 22 after bitter fighting, while Shang-hoeh and Sientien, to the north-east of TsaoYang, were retaken on May 21.

Artillery Active

A "Central News" war correspondent touring the north Hupeh front reports that the Japanese are making full use of artillery and aircraft in their offensive. Between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on May 19, he counted no fewer than 2,000 shells fired by the Japanese at one point, while squadrons of Japanese planes dropped their bombs on the villages around, reducing them to utter ruin.

This correspondent says that the Chinese troops are fighting in excellent spirits, and that peasants are helping to rescue wounded soldiers. Since the Chinese recapture of Sianyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan, Japanese aircraft have been staging daily raids over the city. Tons of high explosives have been unloaded.

Indicative of the heavy casualties suffered by the Japanese during their recent defeat in the Hupeh-Honan border regions, 1,600 Japanese bodies were sent back to Hankow to be cremated on May 16.

Cash & Carry Exemptions

Plea For Allies By U.S. Notability

TORONTO, May 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Daniel Roper, former United States Secretary of Commerce and former Minister to Canada, expressed dissatisfaction "with our American situation in respect of credits for the Allies," in a speech here.

Mr. Roper declared that supplies of all kinds should be conveyed to the Allies in every possible way by barter or other means.

Wants Acts Amended

Both the Neutrality Law and the Johnson Act should be amended to meet American responsibilities in respect of the present-day crisis.

All essential supplies should be exempted from the "Cash and Carry" restrictions.

Mr. Roper expressed the view that had the terms of the Versailles Treaty been less drastic and had the United States joined the League of Nations promptly, they would never have heard of Hitler.

Another Appeal For Allies

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—Senator Claude Pepper, in the Senate today, urged the United States to "turn the scale of battle in favour of the Allies by sending goods, money and aeroplanes immediately."

Senator Pepper also proposed that the United States should "tell Hitler that we are his eternal immortal enemies and that we will that he shall be destroyed is a political force."

He added: "If we are going to sit here after day and content ourselves with only trying to build some protection around our country and perhaps around the Western Hemisphere, we will have committed one of the greatest tragedies in history."

DUTCH LINER HELD UP

A Dutch liner which should have sailed for Shanghai early this morning failed to leave the wharf. It was subsequently learned that the K.P.M. agents in Hongkong had received a cable order to hold the ship in Hongkong.

This morning the K.P.M. Manager in Hongkong, Mr. A. H. Veltman, said that he was awaiting further instructions regarding the vessel. He said that those passengers who had boarded the ship here were free to remain on board or disembark at will.

Germans Admit 300 Planes Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, May 24 (UP).—An official German communiqué admits that 300 German planes have been lost in the operations on the Western Front. It claims that "about 2,000 enemy planes have been destroyed, 600 in battle, 400 by A.A. fire, 100 by unspecified means and the remainder on the ground."

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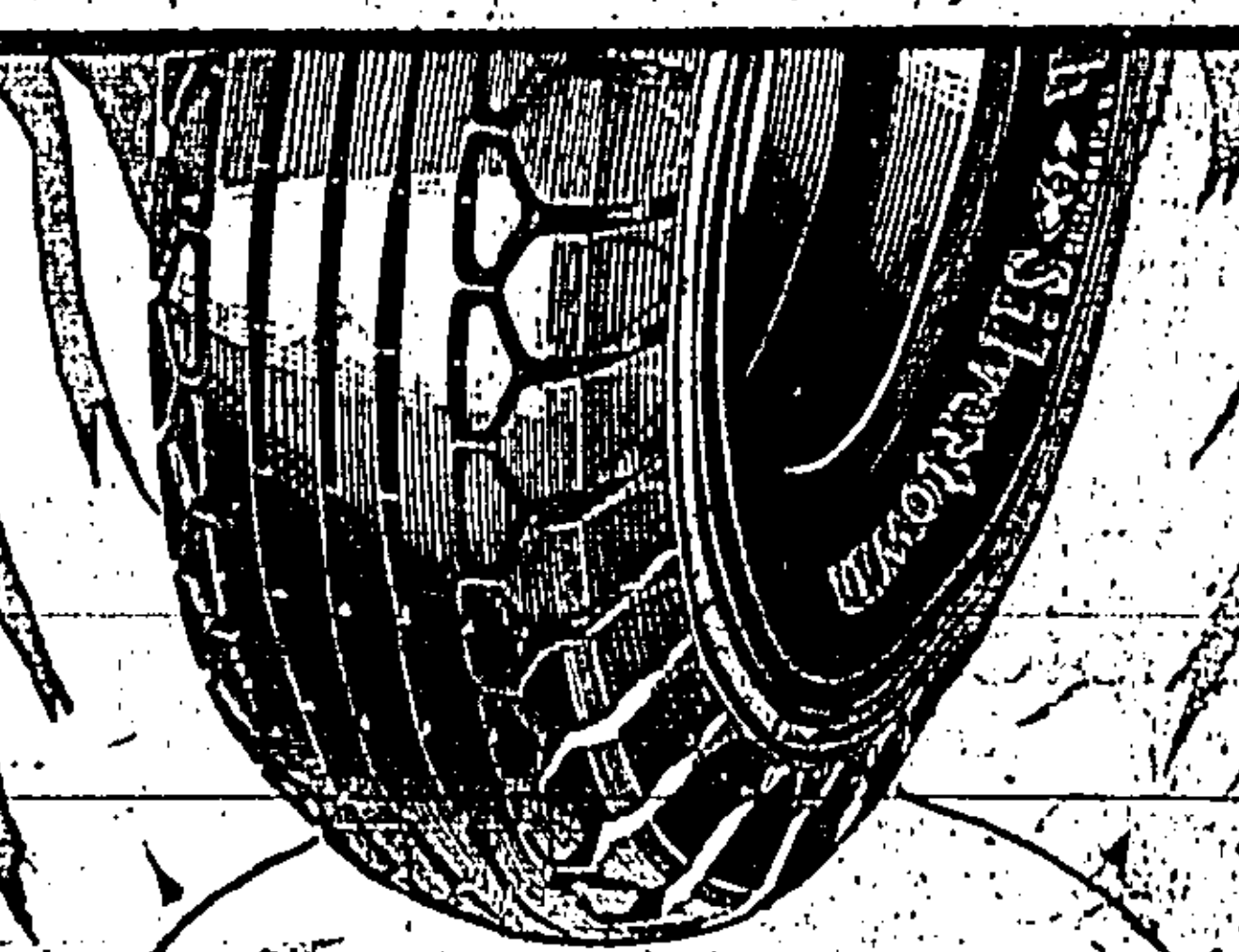
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CLIPPER LEAVES THIS MORNING

Fully Booked Up For Homeward Flight

Carrying a record number of 57 passengers in addition to 10 members of the crew, the Honolulu Clipper left Hongkong for Manila this morning, fully booked for the first time on its homeward flight.

The giant plane carried a capacity load of passengers, mail and air express. It took 250 lbs. of mail and 352 lbs. of air express. It is due in Manila at 1 p.m. to-day and in San Francisco on May 30.

Although the Clipper is capable of carrying 10 passengers, she is fitted to take only 57 on the Pacific service. Clippers have carried up to 60 passengers on Bermuda service to-day's booking was the highest yet made on the Pacific Service.

The greatest number previously carried from Hongkong was 50.

One reason for to-day's record was the presence of 16 members of the Eastern Athletic Association's football team, which is making a second visit to Manila as the first step of a tour to India.

Mail Due To-day

Mails from the United Kingdom and Empire countries will arrive at Hongkong this afternoon by Imperial Airways plane.

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied affirmatively to a question whether he was taking immediate steps to improve British relations with Russia.

UNWEARYING EFFORT

Viscount Caldecote's Message To Dominions

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—"The fate of western civilisation under God is in the hands of the Allied people," said Viscount Caldecote, Secretary of the Dominions, in a message to the Dominions to-day.

"It would like to repeat that the importance of every effort to produce supplies was never greater," he continued.

"One aeroplane immediately is worth ten in six months' time. The path to victory must be trodden by unwearying effort on a scale never before attempted."

ANOTHER NAZI LIE NAILED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—A categorical denial was given in authoritative circles to the rumour that Lord Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, has broken down and has returned to England.

It is stated that this is clearly another example of the enemy's practice of endeavouring to undermine confidence and cause confusion by spreading false and fantastic rumours.

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—It is reported that Sir Samuel Hoare, the British statesman, may be sent to Madrid as special envoy or as Ambassador.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

SEASON'S LAST MEETING

Special Cash Sweep On The Lantao Handicap: D. Black Takes Jockey Honours For First Half Year

CHIEF INTEREST at the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held tomorrow (saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.) will undoubtedly be centred in the Lantao Handicap for "C" class China ponies, for a big special dollar cash sweep is conducted on this event. A huge crowd will no doubt be turning up to witness the drawing of the special lottery and it is almost certain to be a bumper house.

Carpentaria H'cap

THE FIRST EVENT

Joust Between Sea Jay And Spring Shine

THE OPENING EVENT will be the Carpentaria Handicap for non-winning Australian subscription ponies of this season, and the run is over the mile.

With Australia Prince out of the road, Spring Shine should be in the limelight, but I am afraid she may find Sea Jay a hard nut to crack. The latter, belonging to Mr. S. T. Williamson, has made six attempts in registers a win for the owner, but has only achieved a second and three thirds, and a win is, therefore, due to Sea Jay.

I have not seen Princess Claro for a long time, in fact her last public appearance was third in the Handicap Plate (first section) run on March 9. However, I am of the opinion that a pony, which has been out of the walking list, should not be added in his first outing.

Moreton Bay Handicap For "D" Aussies

IN THE MORETON BAY Handicap for "D" class Australian ponies over a mile, the post of honour has fallen upon Income Tax, who has been quite consistent for the third position in the frame in his last three outings. He was running against a better class of ponies, and with many of them out of the way Income Tax should present his card first to the judges.

Dick Turpin is nicely weighted, but somehow or other the Wong-Ni-Chong racecourse does not appeal to him. I do not suggest that a victory for the Stable (A.H.P.) is remote, but Dick Turpin's two successes in failing seemed to confirm what I have said.

Sea Urchin had a good chance of collecting third prize stake money in the Spencer Handicap at the Whitsun season, but with a jockey in the saddle who carried 15 lb. extra, the opportunity was lost. Sea Urchin should get a place to-morrow.

As in the past there are numerous syndicates formed to have a "go" at the small fortune and as a result the sale of tickets has, up to time of writing, neared the 300,000 mark.

After the running of the Lantao Handicap, which is the last contest on the card, the Hongkong Jockey Club will close the curtain for the first half season and there will be no more flat racing at Happy Valley until September 21.

It is a recognised custom to turn all the Australian and China ponies to grass for a short spell every summer, and some owners have already made arrangements for their steeds to relax at Fanling and Macao. Our "dumb friends" have been racing without a break since February, and I am sure it must have been quite monotonous to many of them to see the same cinder track every day for the last six months.

D. BLACK'S SUCCESS

A MOST interesting feature of the Whitsun meeting was Mr. Black's fine riding with four wins to his credit and the result of this fine achievement has pushed him to the front rank. The Scotch rider is heading the list of jockeys with 15 successes, and he is followed by Messrs. Johnnie Henne and Peter Wei, each having 12 victories. Messrs. L. B. Chao and H. C. Pih have 11 wins each.

Thus, excluding the Fanling and Macao races the baton for the first half season cannot be taken away from Mr. Donald Black. There are nine handicap events, the majority being consolation races. The absence of several good runs and public favourites will not in any way lower the standard of racing, and one may look forward to a good day's sport with usual thrills.

Possible Should Win Yangtze H'cap

THE YANGTZE Handicap for non-winning China pony griffins of this season over a mile should be a tame affair and it will be a "walk over the course" for Possible.

This griffin should have won a race long ago, but I shall not be surprised to see the mare go down if the owner be up. Eve of Dancing is good for big money and so is Attacking Time.

It is interesting to note that in 1938 the number of dollar tickets sold was 169,780, and in the following year the sale reached 197,000 chances. Assuming the sale does not go beyond three lakhs, the first prize of \$127,680 is guaranteed by the Hongkong Jockey Club, while the second and third are \$36,480 and \$18,240 respectively. There are 33 entries for the Lantao Handicap and a drawer of a pony, whether it starts or not, will receive \$1,520.

Shing Mun H'cap

Avon Has Advantage Of Weight

Opposition Expected From Rose Emily

THE SHING MUN Handicap for "B" class China ponies should produce a good fight between Avon and Rose Emily over six furlongs. If both can retain the same form when they clashed in the Hongkong-Bay Handicap (first section) at the Easter meet, my fancy is Avon, owned by Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, because this candidate has the advantage of the lead.

In that race however, Rose Emily (second) carrying 140 lbs. beat Avon with an impost of 145 lbs. by two lengths, whereas to-morrow, the latter is going out with the same poundage, but Rose Emily has to shoulder 154 lbs.

It was true that they met in subsequent outings, but on the strength of that particular running, Avon with a third in the Lantao Handicap, Avon must be considered. Conquering Time is dangerous.

The running of Galaxy, Lilliber and Red Feather has been somewhat disappointing, and I dare not venture to give them a place. It looks that all of them have too much racing.

HERVEY BAY H'CAP FOR AUSTRALIANS

Courting Eve May Be Too Heavily Handicapped

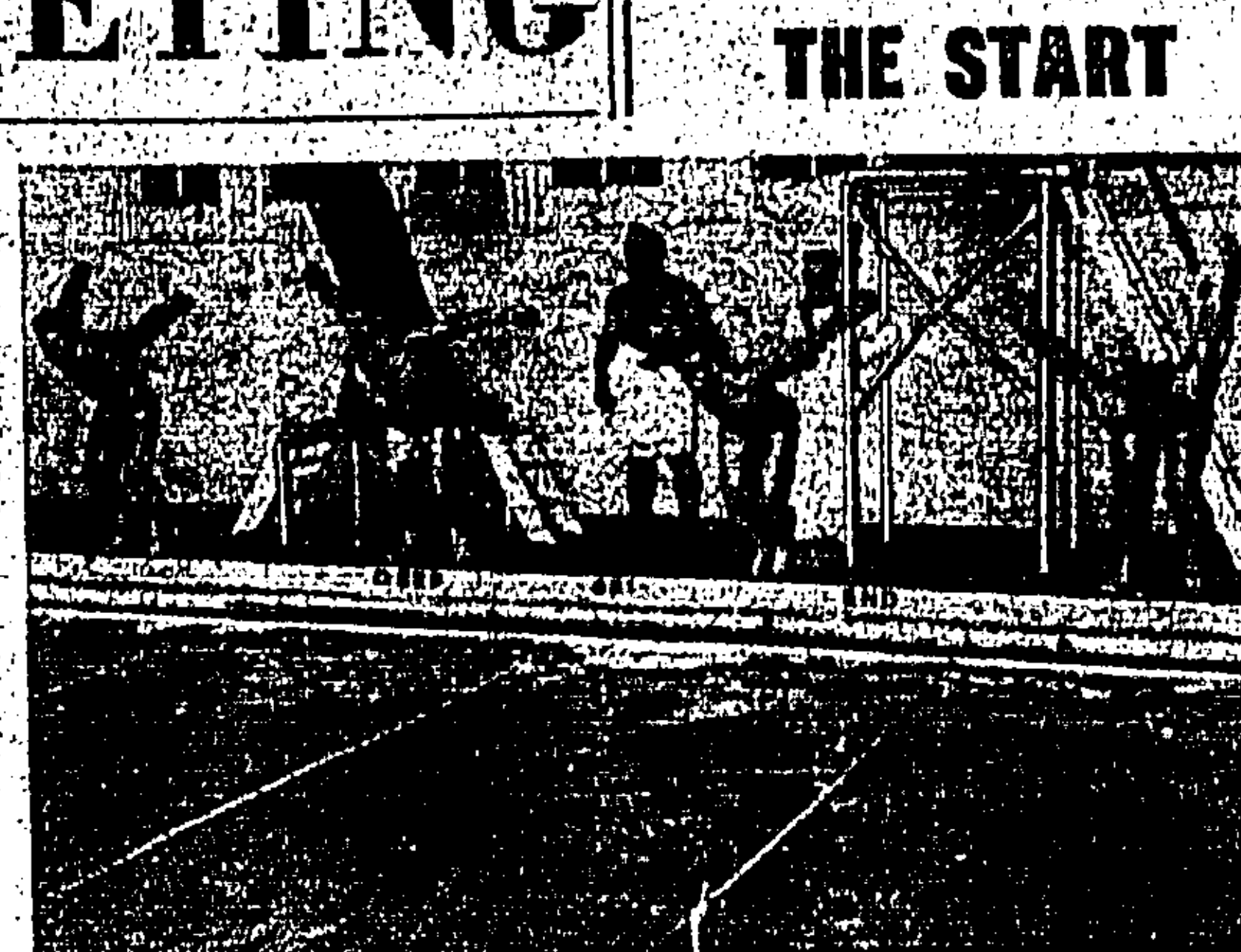
THE FIRST LEG of the daily double is on the Hervey Bay Handicap for "A" class Australian ponies, and it is a nice scramble from the 1½ mile post (about half mile 170 yards). Anything may happen.

After her magnificent exhibition in the Sharks Bay Handicap at the last meeting, Courting Eve holds the post of honour with the limit post weight of 165 lbs., and the mare by Double Court is reputed to be the best sprinter over this jaunt.

Ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih the combination has had a few notable victories (still holder of six furlongs record), but "unfortunately" the mare will have another jockey in Mr. Y. T. Fung, and the change in the saddle is, of course, a matter of much consideration.

The new rider is light as a feather, and Mr. Fung has to carry over 60 odd pounds of dead weight, which Courting Eve has not been accustomed to shoulder. So good was her performance that the handicapper has stipulated a condition in the event of the mare's weight (to be 165 lbs.) being reduced to 160 lbs. This provision is to be of no effect unless the mare is reduced to 160 lbs. by the time of the race.

With an investment of \$5 each way, a bet on Courting Eve, guaranteed, but the odds are 10 to 1.



G. Hume (Australians), A. Dodd ("Y"), A. Brierley (Australians) and L. A. Benn ("Y") at the start of the 50 yards breast stroke, during the Aussie-Y.M.C.A. swimming gala held at the "Y" last night.—Ming Yuen.

Great Bight H'cap

A Great Time Or Pumpnickel

THERE ARE only nine entries for the Great Bight Handicap confined to "B" class Australian ponies, and the sprint is over six furlongs.

A Great Time was unlucky to finish among the "also rans" but with the adjustment of the poundage I expect to see her in the limelight. Pumpnickel has a bad habit of running out at the bend, and should he act to the contrary to-morrow, the bay gelding must win.

Derby Day is good for a third place, but be careful with Vixen Tor, who may play a leading role.

THE LANTAO HANDICAP

Big Field Out Of Thirty-Three Entries

THE LANTAO HANDICAP for "C" class China ponies will bring the meeting to a close and the last event before the recess will undoubtedly make somebody happy on account of the first prize of the special dollar cash sweep.

A mixture of three sections of "C" class riders will fight the issue out, and the trip is from the two mile post, once round and in.

There are in all 33 entries, but a good lot is going out to make the field. Taking everything in the balance, Advancing Time is my favourite, with Eve of Reason and Rose-Queen to follow in the rear.

AUSSIE NAVAL RESERVES BEATEN AT SWIMMING

Enjoyable Gala Held At European Y.M.C.A.

(By "Tinker")

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVAL RESERVISTS, taxed by a small field for selection, were narrowly beaten by the European Y.M.C.A. in a swimming gala held at the "Y" last night. The "Y" triumphed by six points only despite the fact that several of the Australians had to swim in several events.

EASTERN F.C. DEPART BY CLIPPER

First Match Against Yco Tonight

THE EASTERN football team left for Manila this morning by the Honolulu Clipper, and will play their first game there to-night against the champions, Yco, who defeated the tourists 1-0 in the last meeting. The match will be played at the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

The team that departed were: Tsui Hung (manager), Chan Fook-yue (temporary Hon. Secretary), N. Z. Lee, Lee Kwok-wai, Kong Seng-keng, Woo Chi-ling, Hsu King-sing, Tso Kam-hung, Lo Wai-kuen, Chung Yang-san, Y. K. Hui, Lee Tak-kee, Cheung Kam-hoi, Chow Man-chi, Tso Chow-ting and Hau Ching-to. To-morrow they will oppose La Salle, runners-up in the P.I. championship, and their final game will be on Sunday afternoon against All-Manila.

The team will then proceed to Singapore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, etc., and a three months' tour.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX SWAMP PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK, May 23 (UP).—Chicago White Sox swamped the Philadelphia Athletics by 13-4 in the American Baseball League to-day.

The results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R	H	E
New York	13	14	3
Detroit	2	0	1
Philadelphia	4	10	4
Chicago	13	13	0

The Boston-Cleveland game was postponed.

Washington 7 14 3
St. Louis 3 10 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Pittsburgh-Brooklyn game was postponed.

U.S.R.C. Win Women's Triangular Tourney

United Services Recreation Club won the annual triangular tennis series for women when they secured 65 points to Peak Club's 40, while Ladies Recreation Club were third with 37 points.

The Clubs were represented by the following teams: U.S.R.C.—Miss A. Taylor, Mrs. P. Stone-

Finishes were close, especially in the 100 yards breast-stroke and 100 yards free-style. In the latter race, Geoffrey Arnold touched home just ahead of George Hume (Australians) in 66.4 secs, while in the breast-stroke, S. F. Newman (Australians) was just a touch ahead of B. S. Wilson after a neck-to-neck race throughout.

Times were only fair, though they were made in fresh water.

The 160 yards medley relay was another exciting event. The "Y. M. C. A." team would have won by another touch, but Arnold left the side just before his team-mate had touched, and the team, therefore, was disqualified. The Australians' "A" team took first place.

A. Dodd won the 50 yards breast-stroke in 34.6 secs. He, however, with the consent of the Australians, employed the "butterfly" stroke over the first 25 yards and gained the margin which gave him victory.

In order to give the Australian competitors time to rest, the diving exhibition was advanced in the programme.

Johnstone and G. Saunders ("Y") were on the board, and their fine efforts were warmly applauded. Johnstone's best dive was his standing "Molberg", while Saunders' best was a forward one and a half somersault.

Following the gala, the visitors were entertained in the West Lounge.

The results were:
50 yards—1. G. T. May ("Y"), 2. Y. A. Weller ("Y"), 3. R. Johnson (Australians), 4. D. Morris (Australians). Time 37 secs.
100 yards—1. G. Arnold ("Y"), 2. G. Hume (Australians), 3. R. L. Jordan ("Y"). Time 1:02 2/5 secs.
150 yards back-stroke—1. S. F. Newman (Australians), 2. R. S. Wilson ("Y"), 3. Y. Wills ("Y"). Time 2:17 4/5 secs.
200 yards breast-stroke—1. A. Dodd (Australians), 2. R. S. Wilson ("Y"), 3. Y. Wills ("Y"). Time 3:45 2/5 secs.
250 yards medley (back-stroke, breast-stroke, free-style)—1. Australian A. (F. B. Newman, G. Hume, R. Johnson), 2. "Y" B. team (D. May, Y. A. Weller and A. Dodd), 3. Australian "B" team (A. Brierley, G. Johnstone, D. Morris, R. L. Jordan). Time 5:45 2/5 secs.
300 yards free-style (25, 50, 75, 100, 25) — 1. "Y" (J. Blaytor, Y. A. Weller, B. S. Wilson, G. T. May, A. Dodd and R. Goldman), 2. Australians (R. Johnson, J. Dolan, R. Black, Y. Newman, A. Claxton, and G. Hume).

RACING AT HOME

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Running at evening King's Legend won the Payne Sinks to-day beating Lovely Trim (7/2) by one and a half lengths. Constitution II (20/1) was third eight lengths behind.

Eleven ran.
man, Miss J. Reeve and Miss M. Griffiths. L.R.C.—Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Church and Miss Butler.
Peak Club—Mrs. L. R. Andrews, Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Campbell.

SPORTS ADVTS.

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Queer Goings On At Sea Make Town Wonder If a Monster Is About

THE people of Folkestone are wondering what happened one day recently about a quarter of a mile out to sea off the Warren.

There is a Loch Ness Monster atmosphere hanging about the whole affair. You shall hear the evidence and return whatever verdict you like.

First witnesses were two small boys who went to a look-out station and said: "Oy, Mister, the sea's boiling."

The look-out looked out but saw nothing. He concluded that the boys had seen a strong tide breaking over some rocks. We shall recall the look-out later.

A man who was travelling by train from Dover to Folkestone was more explicit. "I saw a big disturbance on the surface of the water," he said, "It was frothing and clouds of steam were rising from it. It lasted a few minutes."

Most people reject this theory. Mr. J. Fagg, a boatman, said confidently that he saw a spout of water shoot up in the air. He suggested facetiously that someone on board a patrol vessel wanted fresh fish for tea and had dropped a depth charge.

A man fishing with a rod and line on the pier said that in his opinion it was a miniature tidal wave.

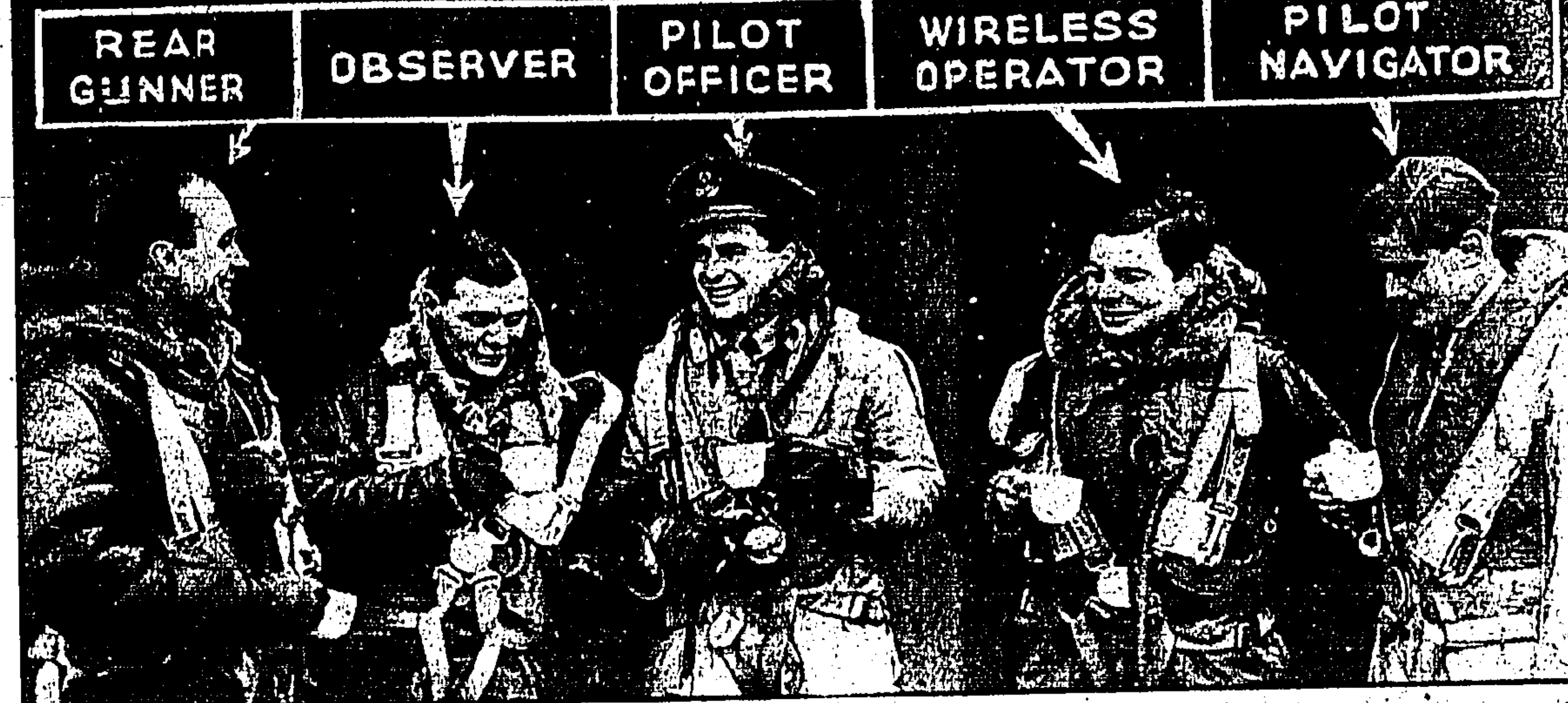
Smoke Float Theory

Another bit of evidence is in favour of an eruption or vast disturbance on the sea-bed. "There have been three big landslides on the coast during the winter," said one of this school, "and probably this had some effect on the sea-bed. The chalk may have slipped causing air to shoot up through the water and throwing a fine spray which looked like steam."

The look-out, recalled, is convinced now that he knows the actual reason for the boiling sea.

"There is no doubt about it," he said. "It was a smoke float dropped by an aeroplane. I have seen them before. The effect of the water on these things produces a steaming and a vapour."

BOMB CREW OVER NAZIS



R.A.F. Continue Terrific Onslaughts GERMAN FORCES DISORGANISED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry to-day announced that the tanks, armoured vehicles and troop concentrations which were forming a vanguard for the enemy's advance towards the French Channel ports were again heavily bombed yesterday by strong forces of Blenheim aircraft.

For more than six hours, until the gathering of dusk made the recognition of troop movements impossible, relays of aircraft kept up an almost continuous assault with bombs and machine guns.

They caused damage and confusion over a wide area. Among the first targets which they successfully attacked in the afternoon was a column of lorries and armoured fighting vehicles which were caught on the move.

Lorries Blown Sky-High

Direct hits were scored on the lorries by six Blenheims. They attacked individually.

Bombs were seen to burst on the roads amongst the columns over a distance of 600 yards.

As each aircraft approached to bomb it was subjected to a barrage of well-aimed pom-pom fire from about 30 guns.

Having released their bombs, the Blenheims turned their attention to the gun crews which were attacking them with machine gun fire.

Another force of Blenheims delivered individual attacks on a number of targets. Later arrivals found that the lorries and cars, which had been hit in the earlier bombing attacks, were still blazing by the roadside.

Final Sortie

A final sortie was made against the Headquarters of the enemy's armoured division by a force of Blenheims which had been specially detailed for the task.

Close on 100 high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped in the course of this concentrated attack. Most of the bombs were seen to explode well within the target area.

Trains Derailed

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Fuller details of yesterday's British bombing operations show that trains were derailed and set on fire and that road and rail communications were interrupted over a wide area.

One of the trains hit by a Hampden bomber at Geldern, a German town near the Dutch frontier, was an ammunition train which blew up with an explosion which rocked the aircraft high above.

After a concentrated attack on another train near Liege, the attackers saw wreckage lying all over the place.

Here is one of the many R.A.F. bomber crews now fighting so splendidly on the Western Front.

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2.15 Close Down

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6.25 Mosevitch at the Piano

6.40 Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.42 Tchaikowsky—"Romeo and Juliet"—Overture, Fantasia

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7.00 Relay from Saigon—A Visit of an Englishman to an Annamite family

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7.15 New Mayfair Orchestra

7.30 London Relay—"The News"

FRENCH NAVAL LOSSES

Description Of Sunk Warships

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—In connection with the losses of the French destroyer La Droit, the Submarine Doris, and the supply ship Le Niger, more information about these vessels is now available in London.

La Droit was a destroyer of 1,400 tons with a normal complement of 142. She was completed in 1928 and was one of 50 in the French Navy at the beginning of the war.

The submarine Doris had a surface displacement of 550 tons and a complement of 40. She was launched in 1927 and was one of 78 completed when war broke out.

The supply ship Le Niger was a vessel of 6,000 tons.

5,000 ALIENS INTERNED

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons to-day the number of male aliens interned in pursuance of his recent direction.

Sir John replied that according to the latest available returns some 5,000 of these male aliens were interned.

Regarding other categories of aliens, Sir John said further measures were being taken, but he could not make the details known in advance.

N. Zealand's War Effort

Voluntary Recruiting A Huge Success

WELLINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—Broadening to-day, the Prime Minister declared that the voluntary system of recruiting has been an unqualified success.

Military training facilities, he said, were more than fully taxed.

Over 40,000 Enlist

Over 40,000 had enlisted for overseas service and many had already been sent abroad.

Despite the withdrawal of men for military purposes, production had increased.

New Zealand had completely fulfilled her unqualified assurance to do everything possible in the Allied cause and would continue to do so.

Speed Up In Canada

OTTAWA, May 23 (Reuter).—The Government has requested heavy industry, shipbuilding and aircraft firms to accelerate their war production by working in day and night shifts. The firms have also been requested to work during Sundays and holidays.

3,000 Flyers A Year

WELLINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—New Zealand intends to contribute nearly 3,000 pilots and gunners to the Empire Air Training scheme each year.

This will be in addition to the land forces which she is contributing.

In a broadcast, the Governor General emphasised that every effort must be made to achieve the maximum output of agricultural production.

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HITLER'S AMBITION

Berlin, May 23. A military spokesman today emphasised to the Press that Hitler's prime objective was the conquest of Britain.

Latest reports from the front make no enthusiastic claims of successes but merely say that in the face of furious counter-attacks the Germans are spreading a new thrust to the north along the French coast in order to close around the Allies in west Belgium.

Reports paint a picture of despair and near panic in London and Paris because of the initial success of the blitzkrieg which swallowed Holland, Luxembourg and two-thirds of Belgium and pushed a huge bulge into France to create a serious threat that the war might be soon brought to Britain.

It is claimed that the Germans have thrust about 20 miles inland and northward and that eventually they will reach the north-west tip of Belgium and the Dutch border. It is pointed out that after cutting the Allied troops the Germans will be able to concentrate on their push across the Channel.

Authorised quarters, after querying the High Command, flatly deny the report that the Allies have recaptured Abbeville, Amiens and Sedan.—United Press.

VALUE OF A GIRL'S HAND

A GIRL'S hand is worth £250 more than a man's according to damages assessed at Manchester Assizes, when a girl aged eighteen was awarded £1,500 for the loss of three fingers of her right hand.

Later it was announced that a claim by a man for a similar right-hand injury had been settled for £1,250.

Miss Annie Hindle, of Heyes-street, Blackburn, awarded the £1,500, sued the Rose Hill Laundry, of Blackburn, for damages for personal injuries.

Her hand, caught in machinery, was seriously crushed and burned. Three of her fingers were partially amputated and a fourth was stiff and useless.

George Sellers, of Trevelyan-street, Eccles, in a claim against his employers, M. Epstein, manufacturers of underclothing, of Cambridge-street, Lower Broughton, was awarded £1,250.

Three of his fingers were sliced off by a circular saw at the works. The tops of his thumb and remaining finger of the hand were also cut off.

LATE NEWS

GERMANY'S "OBJECTIVES"

BERLIN, May 24 (Domei).—Nazi spokesman today revealed German war aims as follows:

1.—Complete crushing of Allied forces;

2.—Surrender of France;

3.—Reduction of Britain.

Germany, said spokesman, is irrevocably committed to the reduction of the British Empire, and no truce between Britain and Germany would mean end of war in this respect.

Spokesman continued: "Chancellor Hitler is of the belief that there is a possibility that France will propose a truce with Germany. If this proposal is made, it will be followed by German onslaughts upon the British Isles from the French coast until Germany is in a position when she can impose her peace terms upon Great Britain."

Immediate German objectives, said spokesman, are (1) annihilation of immense British, French and Belgian forces in Belgium and northern France (2) accelerate surrender of France (3) conclude peace with Britain under terms that will be dictated by Germany.

"Germany contemplates operations against Britain both from the air and the sea," said spokesman.

Workers Welcome New Measure

LONDON, May 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Fred Smith, Secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, expresses the Trade Union view when he says, apropos of the new Emergency regulation: "It is designed to get the maximum effort out of everybody. I am wholeheartedly in favour of it."

France Impressed

PARIS, May 23 (Reuter).—The action of the British Parliament in passing the new Emergency Bill is regarded in France as one more proof of British unity and determination to fight to the end.

U.S. MINISTER RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, May 23 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Mr. James Cromwell, U.S. Minister to Canada. (Some months ago, Mr. Cromwell in a speech in Canada condemned Nazi aggression and brought on a series of senatorial denunciations. However, he said he was prepared to place his head on the diplomatic block on the strength of that speech. He was subsequently rebuked by the State Department and asked to be more discreet in future. Recently he announced his intention to resign from his post and to run for Senator for New Jersey.)

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